the wrap

by Kitty Boots

a brittle bundle of thoughts colliding with satellite dreams spins, crashes

branches, stark, crowded with crows scratch at the sky, tremble

a whisper of wind, scented with woodsmoke teases the nostrils

sparrows peck and back-hop, rustle curled leaves

slapped by frost, morning glories hang limp

inside I light a candle, sit before the hearth stare at fire, fragrant with cedar

I bite into a mountain apple, sweet, firm it assuages the bitterness