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# Rain

Winter I love

how those implacable blue sky Autumn days  
with their air too thin for comfort  
brass monkey nights  
and, hello... still having to water the pot-plants  
afternoons

give way to dove grey clouds  
that puff their chests  
and bob the world to silver soft  
fecundity

Rain sniggers from my gutters  
fondles the woodpile and generally  
misbehaves  
frotraging guests and  
running uninvited down cleavages  
And amidst all this damp mayhem  
my unruly face turns upwards  
to welcome unashamedly  
with lick and tongue  
this bold visitor.