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## THE THOUGHT MARE

- John Charles Ryan (Australia)

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plateaus across canter

wordless to edge mere

of world-rough dermis

infields rimple by step—

*IN She steep IS Thought mere.*

See *She* body beneath

at piece asleep wooded

prone thigh-seep peace

wind-brush bryophyte feld

wimples quaver by cleft—

*IN She Thought IS gorge seethe.*

Touch *She* timed-etch  
brusque in pangeal purge  
plummet from glyph fold  
schlerophyll of peripheral  
trilled winged falsetto fill—

*IS She Thought IN mottled flesh.*

Olfact *She* diacritic frill  
smokespiral from abyss  
waddle width praematurus  
in yellow dentata sublingual  
her velvet curve belly burst—

*IS She Thought IN I must keel.*

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