

## What they left out of the Michelin Guide...

is that Crystal Waters Campground  
is the only Christian campground  
in West fucking Virginia,  
its little chapel on a lake—  
staring down at the waters in appalled silence,  
doors locked, windows painted black—  
guarded by swans who snapped  
at my ankles as I tried the door,  
vicious as queens  
sensing doubt of the religion they guarded  
so zealously.

Later that night, frightened  
by the surplus of locks  
on the outside of the bathroom door,  
I made my sister stand guard outside  
so no one would lock the queer in  
as she peed.

It was barely first light when we set out,  
shivering and half-asleep,  
the swans still gathered  
in a white mass at the foot of the chapel.

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