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HAIKU: THE SEASONS

Winter

The crow smirks at me
in raw, cawing confidence:
The branch will not break.

Summer

Soft around the cloud
the sun affirms her presence:
Champion of light.

Autumn

Behind colored leaves
a chipmunk peers into day,
wanting to live twice.

Spring

Sweet spring, do you need
a million years of peace
to forgive the world?

—Kathy Manning



—Christina Spence

AN ATTEMPT AT DEFINING SELF

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—Carol Watson

WOMAN AFRAID

fraudulently bedecked in her finest golden gown
she takes tiny tender steps
because she is afraid
of
the swish, swish, swish
of her satin sensuality
and fortified
by the candied courage of lipstick
she allows herself
the candy-colored, harlot heroine
to be whisked away
into the ever-ever land
of
male chauvinism

—Kathy Manning