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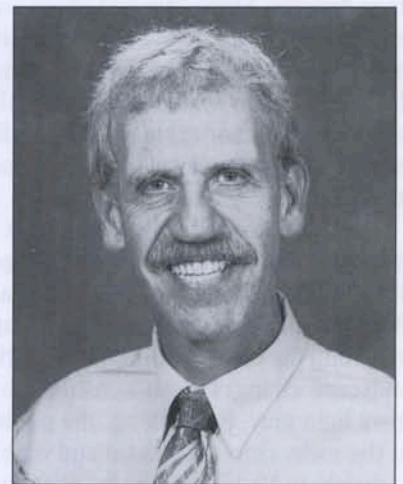
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That's no country for the thin-skinned, however
inured to dark-of-night escapes. When wind
rushes upslope, the small flakes fly, and the sun,
that boon companion, bruises an exit
through the clouds. Once I stepped out
and found myself floating above the front range
in a sea of hail. But true west
has run dry of characters and flooded east
long ago abandoned all orientation.

Flying over,
the barometric changes still transform us.
Settle where we will,
winter follows,
bearing the cargo cult of our ambitions,
and the grounded heart
waves its bouquet of losses.

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