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Cappadocia

For Professor Jordi Ibañez Fanes

“Nothing is art if it doesn’t come from nature.”

— Antoni Gaudí

a wish tree
the sacred
near or there

lots of evil eyes
the colors and sounds
of the jewels

a faith a prayer
hanging a talisman
on the wish tree

whispers and hurls
the evileyes tinkling
on the wish tree

the rough paths
a little donkey
adorned with amulets

the crossing winds
the fairy chimneys
of rock and tuffs

the fairy winds
crossing a valley
of caves and cliffs

the echoing coos
a thousand pigeon holes
carved in the rock

the fastidious light
the galloping shadows
of a fairy chimney

a depth of dawn
the fairy chimneys
not here

unseen valley
the fairy chimneys
or the horizon

the harvest over
a folk song
the pekmez cloud

pekmez: a molasses-like syrup of the boiled and condensed black grape.

all watching
the misket game
harvest cheers

the misket game: a game played with misket, a spherical toy often made from colorful glass.

a taste of sun
the ripened grapes
from a vineyard

cappadocian
on the rock
the lizards not move

a pigeon rain
in the valley
the fairy moonrise

the moonrise kingdom
a blizzard of pigeons
over cappadocia

a hot air balloon
the voyage
to the moon

Mount Nimrod

undecided journey
the emptiness
of where and how

a cold dawning
the shadow of statues
crowded

the statue of nimrod
trembling the pebbles
and my limbs

behind the red
another red
statue of nimrod

a bed of pebbles
man playing guitar
under a blanket of dawn

neither the mount
nor the dawn
the eagles in the sky

top of the mount
the eagles soaring
scarlet and red

the soaring eagles
a crimson mist
veiling the mount

welcoming the sun
the blood-washed color
of the eagle statue

king nimrod
telling myths
in silence

king nimrod
the history
known, unknown

mount nimrod
a weight of sun
deep inside

mellifluent sun
easy to remember
or forget the time

the crater lake
catching the tail
of a rainbow

sketching a journey
the sunny color
of a pebble

