

TAKE HEART

A Conversation in Poetry

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For poet Patricia Ranzoni, of Bucksport, Maine is a place that emerges in September, after the summer visitors have gone.

September Staying

by Patricia Ranzoni

The air is made of missing:
spaces where you were, sounds
lacking yours. A robin basks
on the arbor appreciating as much
as I and whole bubbles of butterflies
bounce in the garden quiet but for
crickets nearby, crows far off,
leaves high up. Certain flies buzz
somewhere. The spider still weaves
in the hops vine but hummingbirds
have gone, like summerfolk, like you,
to other worlds leaving hardy ones
to season ourselves in stillness again
to find our own peace. Our own place.

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