

Heading Home

Parked here in Goshen
on the shoulder,
 Some thirty yards beyond
 a country crossroads,
Field notebook wedged
in the struts
 of the steering wheel,
 Makeshift prop desk
Rav4 option
now not unavailable
 (Same Toyota
 stranded weeks on end
At trailheads in the Yoop,
inviting the rude inscription
 of righteous vandals
 Cast into a flat world
that somehow never comes)
While, fidgeting in sweat,
 demotic jotting, pollen
 and blown earth
Call for raised glasses
and the rubbing of parched eyes,
 Occluding the glance
 that caroms off the rearview
In ecliptic revelation,
I bear witness,
 a Hummer hurtles westward

as an eastbound buggy bounces
at an easy Amish canter,
Their silhouettes so similar
as they coincide,
My lapsed Leica and
antique Nokia
miss the moment
I must etch in pencil.

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Consumption Kaddish in Four Koans

Commodity zen:

To every hungry ghost we
Pledge, a winding sheet

Commercial mecca:

Feast to famine ratio
No pilgrim reckons

Shopper's paradise:

Prey to used gods the old ways –
Beg borrow or steal

Postmodern potlatch:

The Burn at Black Rock City,
Counter cargo cult

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