

# HAWK HYPOTENUSE

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Assiduous, the scour of raptor eyes  
this desolate December wind-effaced  
to worn-sheen underbrush and withered plain.

She's hungry as P. is for how to trace  
trajectories of clouds, celestial Pi  
that finds circumference of breezestrewn space,  
measures errant ovals, lines and planes  
deduced from frost sheathed bramble.

Just above,  
descending spirals hook to sudden dive  
that talon-snares a careless hare. Such love  
of spike for blood reminds him of his own  
hungry affair with shape. Hypotenuse  
of winged descent is what will linger now,  
amidst jagged chaos of cold shadows.

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