

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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