

## The Unlit Path Behind the House

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There is holiness in the stillness and the wild, as it becomes clear in Margo Wheaton's new collection. Her poems speak of the ways that the earth's movements translate through human bodies. They personify winds and snows, while human beings find their cores in nature.

This sharp air's  
orchestral with the advent of rain.

Spiritual cadences abound, deepened by the Gregorian chants and bartering skies referenced within. There's a near primal purity in these "words it will take / your whole lifetime / to hear," and it's well worth stopping to listen and try.

[F]aced with the refrain  
of the forest breathing, you can't  
think of a single sentence to formulate  
an invocation:  
nothing here knows you're broken.

MICHELLE ANNE SCHINGLER (August 22, 2016)

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