

## Consider

(a tanka / haiku sequence)

Consider the lilies  
dumped  
on the rubbish-tip  
outside  
the crematorium.

abandoned car  
propped on bricks  
carcass picked clean

The end of this  
late autumn day—  
three hoodie crows  
reminding me,  
reminding me.

the sound of the wind  
in the trees, the sound  
of the sea

That tiny figure  
walking  
up the mountain,  
disappearing  
into the mist.

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