

**Georgia Wagstaff**

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mushroom-tiled and moss-gilded  
a summerwake heap of sawdust and soil  
misting in the middle of a cracked caramel carpet  
a burial mound where boots crunch beech nuts  
and heave clods of wet grass.

cowwebs catch on tongue and mesh eyes  
blinking on a pimpled trunk  
snail-spotted and blooded  
by stagnant recess overfull trickling  
downwards to slug lickings on empty bird box  
with flightless eggshells mouldering.