DOUG RAMSPECK

father gets drunk with the moon

& once the boys find their father passed out in the back bed

of the truck & find the moon passed out on the surface

of the pond & the moon & the father sing in sepulchral voices

skin-damp as a tongue & sing of the years being stripped down

& once the boys find the moon passed out at the bottom of the stairs

find their father passed out on a shelf of the treetops & their father instructs

the moonlight in ways to suffocate the land & the moonlight instructs

the father in ways to drown in the black waters & once the boys

find their father passed out in the field beyond the barn

& the snow makes of his body an occultation & it makes of his body

something the boys approach cautiously to poke with a stick