

# New Poetry by Lisa Stice: “Our Folklore”



FIND MYSELF LOST / *image by  
Amalie Flynn*

## **Our Folklore**

Long ago, you were molten rock, and I—  
well, I spoke the language of bears.

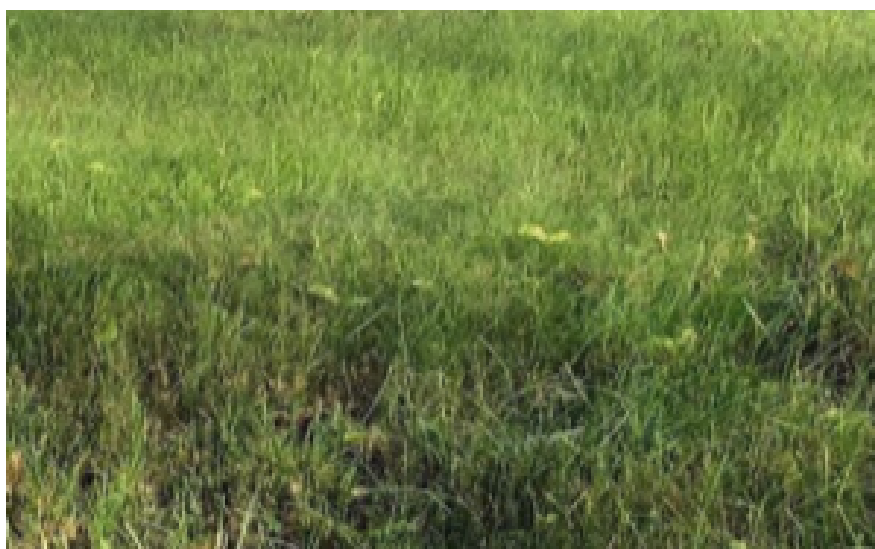
But now that I have been out of the forest  
for so long, all the words and grammar escape

me, and I often find myself lost. And you—  
well, you are often mistaken for a statue

in this solid state. No more rumblings and  
agitations. We are both quiet these days.

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# New Poetry by Kevin Norwood: “Rabbits in Autumn”



THE LUSHEST GRASS / *image by Amalie Flynn*

## RABBITS IN AUTUMN

Who will find our bones in a thousand years,  
bleached and brittle under the unyielding sun,  
scattered in dried grasses by feral dogs or vultures?

Who will hold such curiosities, not knowing  
that we stopped here to kiss and murmur  
that our love would outlast the moon and stars?

Who will hold our bones, never to imagine  
that under the same sun, we once made love  
on the lushest grass, under a sapphire sky?

In autumn, the fox lies in wait, hearing rustling  
in the tall grass. Having eaten, the fox moves on.  
There are no questions of why, or how, or when.

Smoke rises acrid in the air; the sun sets earlier  
each day; the grapes shrivel on the vine. Time  
is the fox; we are the rabbits. Please, hold me.