



# Rain on Craters of the Moon Monument

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Driving 70 miles per hour  
straight across yellow  
storm over my shoulder  
boiling  
beneath it  
rain which afternoon  
colored with pink

The storm exploded on  
a thirsty few  
one could almost hear  
from the highway amid  
golden aspen leaves  
swarming the high  
how wide

in sunshine  
hayfields  
a black cauldron  
with gray clouds  
sawblades of  
rays soon  
violence

baked black lava  
sagebrush  
sizzle  
blazing  
blackbirds  
wire  
the sky

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