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fire flickers faster  
than the time it takes  
to blow out the mallow  
i've burned to a crisp

camp close to the coy cove  
let the bait bait the fish  
smoke the slab on the stove  
Dad said it's best burnt

don't touch the  
pointed petal poison plants  
flicker your flash at black bears  
they scatter like smoke

fan out the fire before nightfall  
Dad once did it for me  
his hand burned a black crisp  
the rest to ashes