

Cracked Leaf Ghazal

Commit a maple leaf to memory.
A forest is cultivated through the rungs of a chain link fence.

In a Pacific ocean rift—three white crabs.
Seven frogs flipped in a lake tide.

Algae quivers on the surface of an irrigation canal,
salmon flail across a flooded cow field.

There is a mountain
gutted three times with the trident of avalanche.

Below the bent fibers of asphalt:
the scent of fallen berries.