

## Monoku

gaseous planets ejected from solar systems without a star.

Spring petals from stalks, pistils tongue bees, air lustily

lichen laces branch scaly beside green, soft tufts on limbs mottled bark

petals brown on ground, mash on pavement, soon summer ash-dried, flaked, disappears

curled leaf-cradles in brisk breeze, rocking before a fragile fall

mud freckles washed car layers, pancakes dull surface—rain makes plain again.

**Monoku:** a haiku in a single horizontal line.