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I've always looked up
to the mountains
as if I was their child

and they were
my protective parents.

I felt safe
between their steep ravines
that cradled me
over their creeks.

But now—
it's like my father
developed a drinking habit,
and won't stop drowning me

with threats
every time
it rains.

Lately, I've been
watching helicopters
through my binoculars,
and just today
I noticed the leaves were starting to change

back to the way
things used to be

when I believed
my parents loved me.