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## Epiphany at Hurcott

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Profoundly silent January shows up  
clamant with colour, greening in fine rain,  
luminous malachite of twig-thicket and bole  
brightest at sundown.

On hedge-banks and small rubbed bluffs the red earth,  
dampened to umber, tints the valley sides.  
Holly cliffs glitter like cut anthracite.  
The lake, reflective, floats, brimfull, its tawny sky.

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