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The Birds That Stay

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first frost
the birds that stay
the birds that go

prvi mraz
ptice koje ostaju
ptice koje odlaze

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through a rusted fence
a brown mare and her foal
grazing in spring rain

kroz hrđavi plot
smeđa kobila i ždrijebe
pasu na proljetnoj kiši

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late winter
white fur from the cat bed
in the magpie's beak

pred kraj zime
bijelo krvno iz mačkina kreveta
u kljunu svrake

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one tiny feather
all the colours of the bird
weightless on my palm

sitno perce
bez težinke na mom dlanu
sve boje ptice

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drought –
the dusty eyelashes
of a cow

suša –
prašne trepavice
krave

*

morning rain
the river mist reflected
on commuter iPads

jutarnja kiša
magla nad rijekom odražava se
na iPodovima putnika u vlaku

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sweltering heat
shouting *the same to you*
to a crow

omara
vičem *i tebi*
vrani