BELKIN CLERESTORY WINDOWS

A dense exhalation will settle over the mountains, coalescing into shadow paintings of tankers.

The nighttime scent of voles will entice coyote claws to dig snout size holes. Streaks of dirt will reveal their hungry efforts.

Meanwhile the smothering potential of dense thatch will require attention. There may be relief from a comforting spark.

The silvery fuzz of adolescent mullein catches and absorbs the light, while tender snails hide their vulnerable shells beneath the leaves.

There will be fluctuating periods when geese disrupt traffic. Their webbed feet will smack the warming asphalt while tail feathers sway in response.

Seedlings will transform from two leaves to four forming dense clusters of promise. Open ground sits as an invitation for whomever blows in. We expect flower petals to flash ultra-violet signals to flavoured pollinators, while mason bees anticipate an early meal of sea blush.

There will be bunches of dandelion leaves to fortify the blood, while sprigs of lupin surface from divots in the ground.

There will be above average numbers seeking passage to the water. Toes will wiggle among bloated bull kelp.

There will be gatherings on metal framed chairs, rocking on uneven pavement.
Sunglasses will be abandoned at sunset.

Decorative petals will languish on parched ground as they anticipate nets of dew at dawn.

Before the scent of coffee drifts from café doors, there will be extended stretches of red breast inhalations and fluttering song.

Crowns of buttercup will bide their time under a cloak of decaying oak leaves.

Parched straw will relinquish seeds in anticipation of shorter days, while providing warm beds with an occasional stab. Carceral pupae of mottled brown and grey will cling to foliage while street banners snap and clank.

Bull thistle will grow rapidly, thickly, strongly producing many flowering heads. The tap root pushes deeper, daring to be defied.

We should see desire lines forming through vegetation. Grasses submit to human footfalls, for now.

Pungent burning smells will arise when strands of clingy geranium are crushed underfoot.

ARCHIVE WINDOW

Crows will cock their eyes remembering those who have been naughty and nice. Bits of discarded food go a long way.

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CIRS WINDOWS

Pond water will team with microorganisms that evade the naked eye, while dragonflies create turbulence with the rapid beating of their wings.

Salal berries
will dangle
from hairy stems,
anticipating the
pending drop.
Blueish stains will
persist on concrete.

Frothy clumps of snow with smatterings of gravel will dissipate curbside. Domes of moss will drink in the residue. Chains of currant flowers are expected to call out to the ruby throats of hummingbirds. Crystallized nectar could be devastating.

Brace for falling limbs and fine strands of sap. Be advised, rubbing hands in the dirt will quell evergreen stickiness.

Buds of Oregon grape will be protected by thorny leaves that sting like blisters from rain boots.

The horizon will fill with construction cranes and heron nests.
Discarded shells break down to mineral grit.

New stems will push up through rotting remnants of the previous year. Blackened foliage will recede with the passage of each day.

Dazed garter snakes are still as sticks as they absorb the warmth from the path. Brace for swerving cyclists.