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A witless weather bustles through the bare  
Urbino streets that flash as flat as metal  
drawn from a sheath and hunching townsmen

goad themselves along the steep and narrow  
ways and won't glance up so that we're forced  
to yield the wall until we find

our restaurant and dart in to feel the crazed wood  
raging in its grate like some wild beast

that maddens at its fate and bangs against  
the bars. Old wives' tales say "Eat rabbit and  
grow shy," but here the hare is savage

too like all the countryside where posters  
everywhere advise the poachers to  
forebear. Few warning signs are wanted

where the sins are few. Thank God to brave  
our *lepre* grilled with bacon and sage we find

a Corvo bred on tough Sicilian  
vines and for a moment in  
a moonstruck world two vandal joys combine.