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Scavenger

by Robert Ferrier

Love the poet at your risk.
He ferrets open old scabs,
exhumes embarrassments,
like the fox who grins with hunger,
grinds carrion
in the jaws of his need,
strips the hide of privacy
pride, kinship,
conjures alchemies,
then swaddles the birth
in a scent of hope
and abandons the cradle
to a fair.

