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SOUTHERN RACER

The slide of a dark vine
across orchids prompts
the eye to follow

toward hibiscus, then
a pause, then it uncoils
further toward iron

and jasmine. Later
I will see it by the gardenias
and a startle will fire

it toward the ficus hedge.
Later I will ponder it
where I did not see

movement or similars.
It has taught me
to think as it lives,

and made the eye
prey on fallen branches
that might spring

or fall upon the long shrivel
of long leaves which might,
on the cue of yearning,

awaken, behold themselves
beheld, and outpace
thought and wondering.