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Another Goodbye

I sit at the kitchen table, the sun to my back
writing my son's obituary.

Why should I not be proud? Life is risk.

He loads his car heavy with ropes and crampons, strange
shards of metal.

This is what I prayed for. Find your passion in God's great world.
The stars, the wind.

Tomorrow we plan a birthday dinner and
hear stories of how he slept in the snow.

Look: a picture of our son on a mountain. The clouds beneath him,
ice axes spread like bone wings.

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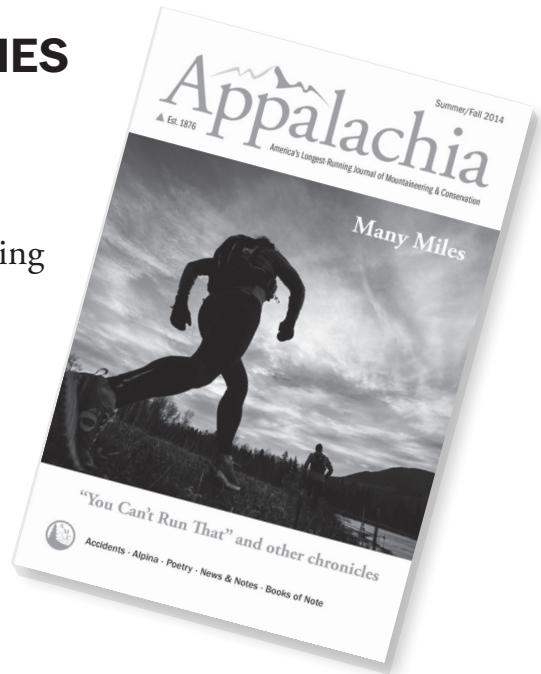
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