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## Disillusion

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be in the Southwest that the whole population first quits sneering at the color of other people's skins. Maybe democracy and intelligence do have a chance! They have always had to run in hard races.

DISILLUSION

She heard the crashing  
In hemlock underbrush  
Beneath the ghostly wood  
And ducked the lintel  
Of our cabin in a mighty rush.

"We have bear and moose  
Around us now!" she cried,  
While I bravely stood my ground  
To relish once the savor  
Of carnivora on the loose.

I bear witness that her myth,  
Inflated considerably beyond size,  
Snapped among the twigs therewith  
When one insouciant chipmunk  
Cracked a nut and looked around.

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