

Algae Romeo

Windscreen of lichen,
bonnet
a carpet of moss.

A filter of sunroof algae
washes searing noonlight
to a muffled
dashboard verdigris,
as a ceiling of fungus fur
rains spores
at every brake
and turn.

With a manifold strangled
by tendril and root,
the engine pulses
with the writhe of frog and worm.

(a monkey howls from the boot)

And spiders web the vents,
as a glove compartment of wakened bats
explodes
in a screeching plume,
filling the jungle car interior,
in an airbag blink,
with a black
and brittle cloud.