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Mountaineer

Before studying Zen mountains were mtns.
a landscape unfolding
mine own—the cry apostrophe at Pacific
edge—“Pacific Spring”

While studying Zen mountains—
is practitioner? practices? have then,
have you entered into the passage to
circumambulate, to cross-over into, or away

(to Captain Delano, in a violent rushing fear, “past,
present, and future seemed one” mountain)

After studying Zen mountains were mtns.—
permitted, and becoming, the anecdote, koan,
permitting a pedagogy—
to be told
during now a summer study, so greeny, after *after*

a Pacific rolling “meadow”