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## **Robbi Nester: Two Poems**

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## Veils: A Room, A Door, a Light in the Upstairs Hall, After a painting by Robert Rhodes

Every evening, shadows lay their veils over the familiar and the movie starts. I pass my hand through the projector's dusty beam, watch it weave a stream of motes into another world. I hardly need to leave my room to see the moon, perfectly composed behind a screen of branches, transmute the purple half-light from an open window, playing for hours on the bedroom wall.

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## Mold

In the sealed white fridge, inviolate, I thought but I was wrong, potions brewed all by themselves, forgotten leftovers harboring a culture various in scent and hue as any garden. In the plastic cube, a slimy orange substance seethes on last week's stew. A purple sludge escapes the confines of its round container. And here, egg yolks sprouting white tendrils, a smell so pungent it could be a sound. Potatoes ossifying in a covered dish, moss green as rocks half covered in the creek

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I wandered as a child. I know if I could study my own skin and gut, I'd find a population many times as various, another world. Willingly or not, we share this space.

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