

COMMENTARY

Remembering May: the center of the bright day



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Here's the deep golden noon hour come to rest on our place like a sleeping cat, long light and short shadows, ambers, greens and aging browns touching fungal splashes



as if restrained in worship at a sacred center, the center of the bright day. In other times of light or dark The wind-rocked woods make up a choreography of futuring, the endless act of passing on I watch from porch or windows. We'll join that dance before too long, but not in mid-day summer-turning May. Above, the punch-drunk cauliflower



clouds in great heads swell into the sky's blue bowl like giddy suitors. *I promise, they seem to say. I promise an afternoon kiss. No need to add: And then the rain will come.* ■

(From a love letter, 20 miles inland. Written May 27, with photos of the next day.)



of palm-sized color (creams and pinks and raspberries) that patch the scaly ancient bark on oaken arms flung out high above the house — all gathered in motionless repose. Trees whose great limbs otherwise nod and bow in dreaming conversation now reach only for the sky,



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