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La Lluvia in la Selva

Lorna Van Gilst

As night falls in *la selva*
and deep clouds slide over the moon

Roosters call from yard to yard
—a contest of crows—
until the street dogs take up the call
—hoarse dry barks
 in canine Spanish—

O do you see *la luna-mooooon?*
Where is *la luna-mooooon?*

Up from the *Rio Mayo*
a lone high screech
in parrot overtones—
then cackling hens

Creature cacophony

... At last ... *la lluvia* ...
 the soft sweet pelt of rain ...

... At last ...
 this will be

a night for sleeping.