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Reading in the Car in a Parking Lot at Dawn

Because
there is silence.
Every word is bright

in the baroque
instrument
of the ear inside

my skull.
I attend.
In the sun the dew

is crowning
flowers, setting
fire to their heads.



ABOUT MARK JACKLEY



Mark Jackley is the author of several chapbooks, most recently *Every Green Word* (Finishing Line Press), and a full-length collection, *There Will be Silence While You Wait* (Plain View Press). His work has appeared in *Sugar House Review*, *Pebble Lake Review*, *Rougarou*, and other journals. He lives in Sterling, Virginia.

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