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Enough

What light gives
is always divided,
scattering it more—

The blue of wood smoke
a tincture of
superficial reflection
when a sunbeam enters,

A certain idea
of opalescent stones
by candle light
in ordinary vision.

The best blues
make us see
it is enough.

ABOUT THE POEM & AUTHOR

“Enough” was created from *Manual of the Science of Colour on the True Theory of the Colour-Sensations and the Natural System* by William Benson (1871). About the poem and the process of composing it, Deborah Purdy writes:

After choosing a book from the public domain, *Manual of the Science of Colour on the True Theory of the Colour-Sensations and the Natural System*, I skimmed through the text and compiled a selection of words and phrases. After combining them to create stanzas with meaningful context, I rearranged the stanzas into the form of the poem.

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