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Axes After whose stroke the wood rings, And the echoes! Echoes traveling Off from the center
like horses. The sap Wells like tears, like the Water striving To re-establish its mirror Over the
rock

That drops and turns, A white skull, Eaten by weedy greens. Years later I Encounter them on
the road-

Words dry and riderless, The indefatigable hoof-taps. While From the bottom of the pool, fixed
stars Govern a life.

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