

Salamander Tricks

Love like life
slams doors in your face.
Sunshine fakes the warm smile
that you bet his life on,
as flowers assault the Earth.

Leaves change hues,
salamander tricks
for another year,
but I can't stop them
from sticking to my shoes.

What is the point of Winter
if not to remind us that ice is thick,
like your skin after dinner with my parents.

It's not about rings,
but awakening seedlings,
ensnaring the senses
and other things.

- Cassandra Parker