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# Seeing Red

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There is no red out there—  
only red that registers  
in eyes and brain.

But something out there  
triggers. It feels firm like a leather  
box or soft like a cloth rose  
or fleece throw;  
seems more steady than  
optical images that flip  
between the elegant beauty  
and the gnarled hag.

