

## Peggy Shumaker

### Star Gazers

Arctic terns wheel,  
trail sharp tails  
over leggy rockets  
of Eskimo potato. Faded  
trumpets cascade.

Mountainsides, meadows of fireweed,  
the whole burn healing pink.  
In each blossom  
four creamy curls  
come full circle.

Yellow warbler,  
flitting astronomer of July's  
galaxies. Milky way—  
tiny stars spiral  
bedstraw's sweet square stems.

Astronomer of grass  
of Parnassus,  
bog star gathers  
green hearts at the root—  
stems go nova.