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Carefree

Fitful,  
the wind plays with trembling  
branches high against the sun throwing  
shadows, mercurial, shape-shifting  
on the washboard gray shingles  
and faded red shutters  
of the room where I sleep.

Demons  
on R & R, relaxing  
during the day, playing  
in the afternoon sun, cavorting  
on shingles and shutters  
simple as an abstract set, wait  
to return to my nightmares.

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Llyn Clague's poems have been published widely, including in *Ibbetson Street*, *Atlanta Review*, *Wisconsin Review*, *California Quarterly*, *Main Street Rag*, *New York Quarterly*, and other magazines. His seventh book, *Hard-Edged and Childlike*, was published in 2014 by Main Street Rag.