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HEART CHAKRA FLOTSAM

Glen Armstrong

The strange thing I thought I heard
in the garden remains a strange thing.
I didn't investigate. I wasn't so much
afraid of it as I was afraid

of changing it, and not so much afraid
of changing it as I was my feelings
toward it. I'll take flotsam over jetsam
any day, the stray over the thoroughbred.

I'm in bed with a stranger who sings
in her sleep; I'm in love with a weed
that seems to know my birth name. I'm not so
into knowing these days as I am

getting lost in a song. I crash like a bronzed
feather and lift like a recondite fog.