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# Motionless mountains

**By Patrick Parnien**

Unflappable  
Under the thick clouds  
The mountain  
Never ceases to observe the dawn of the world

Motionless mountains  
Traversed by the wind  
Silent  
Suspended  
The song of the birds

Strength of the autumn rain  
Awakens sleeping minds  
Nothing flows on the banks of emptiness  
Peaceful the tree contemplates  
The cloudless sky

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