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## Poetry

## Transit

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Shambling through sand in Patagonia  
and Columbia wear, we queue up for  
a rare chance to be wowed. The Sky

News guy twiddles the azimuth knob,  
lures us with the roulette of glimpsing  
a Venusian ring of light or black drop

for which we'll each steal a few extra  
seconds by playing dumb at the eyepiece,  
then circle back to the end of the line again.

We watch the shot sun without looking at it  
just as we can watch without looking at our  
backlit children, hunched over the shore.

We call them repeatedly to a turn at the scope  
but they hunker at the lake's wet lip, Mylar  
glasses flung, because they can catch it

next century, something like water already  
trickling quickly from the pebbles and  
shells in their hands.

Susan Holbrook was a finalist for the 2010 Trillium Book Award for Poetry, with *Joy Is So Exhausting*.

THE WALRUS



