

## HABIT OF THE WORLD

*Don't take it personal, they said;  
but I did, I took it all quite personal*

-Tony Hoagland

The jacaranda tree at the end of my street  
has been losing itself all week,

dropping its amethyst and lavender  
all over the sidewalk, while spring burns off like fog  
and the sky looks blue and determined.

It's easy to take it personal - this undermining of permanence,  
this habit of the world.

~ Cody Deitz, [\*Pressed Against All That Nothing\*](#)