

# independence day

i woke this morning  
determined to  
celebrate truth  
birthed  
from expropriation

retrospect relics  
cultivated in song  
and pomp

i yearned  
to grasp explication  
from spirit  
fortitude  
forgiveness

i looked about  
for testaments

truth  
it turns out  
is everywhere  
more resolute  
than roots  
veiled beneath the Juniper trees