

## The Climax

*climax: in ecology, the final stable stage of development in a given environment*

the climax is overrated

according to modern ecology

an idealized condition  
touted falsely

as the end point

overshadowing other trajectories

in the forest

ongoing unfolding

of ruffled duff

renewing undoing

of broken canopies

concealing revealing

of buds awake to the not yet

the roused ground ever becoming.