

3 clouds/3 rainbows
1 sunburst—face centered
2 mushroom caps—red with
white spots/green cactus
sliced by the frame
clouds blue & pale green
minimalist seagulls in between
clouds & rainbows
adorning toes/shoe tips
multicolored bodies
blue/gold/red
fat laces cotton candy pastel
pink/flaming orange
following yellow
sitting on a ground of
deeply saturated pink
resting

hill of the
circuitous hike
round and round
spiraling upward
panting on the steep
climb spotted
by orange groves
and almond trees
an old man walks
slowly inch by inch
laboring past
white washed house
after white washed house
remembering his neighbors
who have died--his wife
and the years of
walking this hill
his dog follows
watching the old man's face
tail wagging

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