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Seeking by Bicycle
MARDELLE FORTIER

I tried to find you, all through France,
in driving rain. The search led down
dirt and gravel roads, on lonely wheels.
The spokes turned silver in blowing
mist and rain. Cherbourg... Paris... Nice...
Marseilles. From Channel crossing
to the Mediterranean.

I sought you, weeping, humming some of
your etudes. My favorite captured through
your genius the falling rain. My eyes
scanned castles, chateaus; fairy forests,
dancing lakes. No pause, no rest.

Muscles ache. Bicycle shows wear and tear.
Chopin, let me inhale your intelligence
to create a poem. I vow to hunt forever
in the pouring rain.

(at right) Zofia Oles. *Vice Versa*. Photography.