Rose Mallow Pink

primitive among the pinks
cornical flowers droop flush
below the images of one island
and another
in the fen waters

how clarity fades
when the water is the sky
answering its own summons

a sly painter brushed hairs
onto the water

goat tufts, weeds
form indicative skull bone —
trees, bones and all
sink to become
primitive among the pinks

— Bruce Iserman