

The Way to Pawnee Peak

Takes a long time
to get past
Long Lake & the cool pine

parking far off asphalt even a booth
where rangers take ten dollars to let you in

Mt. Apache is
top of the watershed a slow switchback
to the Pass
there a woman with two high strung
chihuahua dogs warns me
off Mt. Toll

people died this year
crumbly rock

the name is parika or paari

“horn”

the Pawnee “stiffened their scalp lock”
with grease
& mineral paint

daring an enemy to
take it