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MAN AND DEMONS

He drew whimsical soldiers
with escape in mind.

Lowered his sleeve to the latticed
skin of a pond.

The heart beneath his burlap shirt
grew inflamed in grief.

In pity the armature of Love
was severed from his volatile conscience.

A spirit presented the gouge of ear stumps,
egg of a face.

Bells were played
by the one with black teeth.

Ghosts took their place
in tapestry gardens.