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Someone else
    might know how
many birds are
    behind the window’s
song. One.
    Or more than a dozen. If
each throat throws
    the same pitch,
how to tell.
    Someone else might
know how to ride
    this edge, this edge
between
    bad luck and best friend,
between advantage
    kept warm and
triumph still inflicted.
    Between a single spot
repeating into corners,
    making itself
oblique. Then a bird-
    body lands, rounds
down and points up. Half
a heart. Isn’t the throat
the real home of emotion,
if not the stomach.