

Stress Positions

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Feeders long empty
Only the birds miss
Mrs. Kowalski

Ruby-throated
Suckling
His dunce cap

The aviary

Door

Flight risks

White-breasted nuthatch
Turns up her nose
At us

A crow's shadow
Smacking me
For my inattention

The sun
Basks in the glare
Of the goldfinch

Waxwing

Hiding behind a fig leaf

Shameless

Robin's kamikaze
Mission to my window
A great success

Future Walmart
Twenty-three crows
Breaking ground

Against the evening sun

Every gull

A phoenix

Cardinal feather
Bloody knife
Left at the scene

Bird bath

Or

Oracle

Phantom limb
Swaying long after
Siskin departs

Faith
Swallows coming and going
And gone

Flocks
In
Filing cabinets

Grackle on tarmac
Searching out sustenance
Becomes falcon's

Between barbs
Wren-sized
Absence

Morning gulls

Pinch

My dream

Soon pillows
Or shuttlecocks
The caged geese

Scarecrow
A god no longer
Feared

Cormorants
On logs in
Stress positions

Frigid window

Rejects

Shrike's advances

Thrashing loon
On the tip
Of grandpa's lure

Patina of
Age and treachery
Merganser decoy

Juncos knowing
Everything and
Nothing
Of the weather

Tender retching
Into baby's gullet
Mother robin

Mountain bluebird

Less excited

To spot us

Starling fledgling
Cradled in tall grass
Awaiting haircut

With each tide
Washing up again
Bloated seabird

Kingfisher plunges
Baptism then
Communion

Bird feeder

Economy

Trickles down

Chicks tweeting
Praising
All of this

Goldfinch's song
On the lips of a stray cat —
Karaoke

Vultures

On a minefield

Eating blue steak

Japanese garden
Hummingbirds drink the blossoms
While you check your phone

After my own heart
Banging head,
 Screaming
A woodpecker

Inertia haiku

Child throws a lifeless sparrow

Now resurrected

Aural Rorschach
Hearing birds
That aren't

Blast of shot

Pursued

Burst of fowl

Royalties unpaid
For each bird song
Sung

Crow

With hamburger

Also discards lettuce

Hummingbird orbits

Plastic graveside

Flowers

Historic statue

Made ignoble by pigeons

Diarrhea face

Robin's eggs —
Racoon's
Jelly beans

Bohemian waxwing
Drops out of nest
Disappointing parents

Pausing

On the quail feather bookmark —

Feeling suddenly illiterate



