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### THE BIRD

Teach me how to carve a bird  
From an oak branch with such skill,  
That one might think  
He flew from the wood  
To perch upon the sill.

Teach me how to carve a bird  
From wood as hard as stone,  
That takes my energy  
Into form,  
And flies when I am done.

—Emily Edwards