

The Birds: 4 poems

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Even the Crows

At sundown Venus, small
and brighter than the moon
blazes in the Western Sky

Lanky Maples dress up
their dull grey bones
in an embellishment
of green

Alates are on the move
pairing up
they shed their wings
to start anew

In this place
even the dark-eyed Crows
speak of love

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Unbraided

Long strands gather
into a nest of loss

brushed away
in clumps

collateral damage
amid misbehaving cells

offer it to the old Willow
whose leaves know sorrow

where small bright birds
build treasure, nothing wasted

a delicate whorl

this Universe

rewoven

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Midwinter Carolers

Birdsong, ringing like glass
a chandelier of sound
echoes through conifers
glistening with crystalline snow

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Fire Dance

Varied Thrush
the color of dark
wet wood
deep orange sunset
flips over leaves
darts
back and forth
across the forest floor
a small flame
foraging

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Ceó Ruaírc lives along the shores of Discovery Passage, British Columbia, where unnamed creeks meander through rainforest down to the Pacific Ocean. Bald Eagles nest nearby, as do Belted Kingfishers, Pileated Woodpeckers, and Northern Pygmy Owls. A great diversity of wild neighbors includes Cougar and Black Bear, Roosevelt Elk, Humpback Whales, Pacific Tree Frogs and Rough-skinned Newts.

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