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TAYLOR CONSTANTINO

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I try not to think  
about what happened to the bones of the robin on impact.

“They are hollow, poor dears!”  
Old doves titter in their puffed  
feathered hats, skitting around the corpse.  
“Never learned to tuck enough coins in their empty space,”  
goes the tutting of their tongues.

Wrinkled ravens guffaw  
as they look down through monocled eyes  
from the wire, they walk  
“Well, that’s a bloody disasta!”  
They light a smoke off scorched tree stumps, kissing stripped wires.  
Because no blood means there must be no harm.

But the magpie  
kneels down,  
and lays a single bottle cap over the robin’s open eyes  
and lays there a while in silent vigil.  
Loving this stranger  
back to the ground.