

A Cavalry Charge

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Study of a Flying Sparrow, Giovanni Da Udine, 1515-20

A cavalry charge.
Blaring trumpets.
The cheer of men.

Large are the shadow
Puppets that play
And play again.

They each have all
The world in their shade:

They fight, they fall,
And prayers are prayed.

But there is a little bird
Brown and spotted and ugly,
Flying as high as the North Star,
Saying it hears nothing,
Not even the prayers.

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