

Night Birds

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Starry Night, Edvard Munch, 1900-01

Night-birds in-between the branches
Of linden trees—deathless birds
Winging quietly: harsh words
The moonlight blanches.

Flap—
Mother sets child to bed;

Flap—
Coins for the dead.

Leaves in the wind,
Night-birds take flight;
Babbling—we sinned
To reach their height.

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