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**They Crept Care
by Jeremy Trager**

They crept care-
fully away, inspiring
new airs through the dust-
y clefts of wings that
had been detached
and stored in drawers.

They shake off
layers of art-
ifice, painted on by face-
less maestros— lethargy ave-
rted! Cocoons dissolve on
spits over twigs & coal.

They will touch all
of the webs, dissecting
all of the skins and cul-de-
sacs and barrels full of flesh—
bounce into jamb, bray together.

They will free all in-
hibitions long since deferred—
make arbitrary the contractions
of dictation and demand.

They will softly blow a-
way to farthest reaches; they
will soar like doves past
the last of the broken clocks.