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**House Sparrow**

The tucked fidget, an inner pulse  
from window ledge to sidewalk salts,  
this small, reliable scatter  
of energy begins to splatter  
the air with snaps of minor notes.  
Among the feathered litotes,  
her song is not without its ease;  
it falls like pinecones over wet  
grass, patterning out her common frets  
in a studious brownful of content

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