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Arches of rusting  
gate-hinge song

curl the  
querulous air

and loop the leaves

brushing the blue-

grey drive-way.

Two stick-legs skitter

here/here

here/here

as if tweaked  
by a string  
then

here/here

here/here

radiating tail-feathers  
fanning  
hieroglyphics-on-air,  
marking

feather scripts

the

limits of this

wagtail's

driveway.

Was that a scarp of paper blown  
by the wind?

This black-and-white minstrel

is a blur  
on the periphery of my vision,  
a black-and-white film in fast forward.

Though seemingly absurd,  
this nervous twitcher

performs for the spring air,

his dreams finding ways  
to net

and feed

his garrulous

startled insects

ego.

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