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Out the back door of this free standing room
in the national park of Mundaring
magpies' call-and-response
calls me outside to watch as
they forage for red berries
and swing on light branches
only to fly straight-arrow-like
to a fat limb for security, one
continually crying from
an open beak as others
reply with lyrical phrases,
a breakfast concert.

I watch and hear, trying to
dismiss a need for names and
words of evaluation or distinction.

I search for the delight of a child,
no questions, simply
experience, enjoyment,
as they talk in their tongue,
ignoring me.

-Andrew Burke

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