

# *Hum of Thoughts*

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I have made a blanket with words  
and have placed it on the mantel for safekeeping.  
Outside, there are ten jays  
on a single branch, and it seems  
as if it will snap at any moment.  
I have made a window, ten jays  
and a tree branch, with words,  
and am looking at them through that window.  
I have made a poem and a fireplace  
and have burned the imaginary poem  
in the imaginary fireplace.  
I have liquefied the window  
and have placed the water  
in a marble Athena birdbath,  
in which I place the jays.  
I have taken the branch  
and have placed it in the fireplace.  
Soon I take the fireplace and the words  
and the jays and the birdbath  
and the water in the birdbath  
and wrap them in the blanket.  
I place the blanket on the mantel,  
for safekeeping.