

Dog Whistle

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It begins with a tweet the bird kind in which a friend of mine

deems the hummingbird her spirit animal delicate engine

come to sip just as my text comes in its ding serendipitous

nectar red as blood but thin like water tenuous

needle and wings quick to whip a portrait

of what it looks like to be going nowhere

fast we talk about art and life as Sisyphus

with a sponge the nature of crumbs

how they regenerate no emoji for that

or for the *de*generation of all the climates

known systems in which we live