

## Lookout

Dand and Deborah went upstairs  
to the wedding her mother disappearing  
on the way up The stairs got larger  
and large as they ascended  
and the crowd was becoming  
larger and large

as they rounded one curve  
a curve with a ballustrade  
and a pool and a vista A fat lady  
had just been rescued from the  
pool she had  
a face a perfect non-entity  
After a slight difficulty she breathed  
not hard but then not deeply not  
in any way joyfully still she breathed  
and they went on their way

-- Ellen Tift

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## The Green Bird

The green bird,  
with the eight golden eyes,  
sitting still  
in the brown, breaking tree  
near the lame river,  
never speaks  
in the dark day  
of the sawmill's  
overfed children.

## Resurrection

to extinguish  
the extinction  
of gabled houses,  
to enter  
the wood  
of curlicued porches,  
to feel  
the footsteps of those  
now dead.

## The Questioner

What are we digging for?  
asked a perplexed man.  
We have  
a large pile of dirt  
but no hole.

-- Duane Locke

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