

Genus

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two tiny birds
of the same genus
perched on a branch
one was throating the most
captivating call,
such a song
i have never heard

the other moved nervously
along the branch
tweaking its head
this way and that
as if vanquished
by its mate's
song

a tiny head,
ruffled throat
and beak pointed skyward
articulating
the ecstatic frenzy
of Being --
the universe
captured
in song