

Fear

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Of all wild things the sparrow  
unkempt body, claws  
like little commas those  
ridiculously tiny bones  
that brash bird-chirp

is most to be noted  
for industrious foraging  
effortless flitting  
morning to nightfall  
bush to bush.

Sparrows are sold  
two for a penny in the temple  
we are told how easily  
and frequently they fall  
though never unseen.

Of all qualities to fear  
the endearing fearlessness  
of a dun-feathered sassy sparrow  
is, when you think of it, most  
terrifying