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**the view from the hummingbird feeder****Christopher Mulrooney**

let's go see how the birds are faring  
as they sip the red luscious liquid  
sip sip through their long thin beaks  
hmm that's very good their eyes tell you  
suspended as you are between heaven and earth  
for the nonce a flutter of wings the beak and eyes  
a flash of tail and away

for a private rendezvous in another part of the forest  
where the eyes of dancers survey the scene  
the stick and push and pull of shadow play  
behind the candlepower of a show favoured by us all  
the temple dancers in the ancient epic all night long  
and into the sunrise which as it happens  
is red and luscious as it emerges  
from the scores of nightbirds passing throatily along the shore

the pagoda of our vista quite ignoring  
as they fly quite unhappily away