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We are the filmy flat blackish brown flying beetles.
Confront us at your kitchen, cellar, cup-board,
larder, parlour or at times sans your permission
stealthily peep into the privacy of your bedroom.

Once, a little lady yelled into a scornful scream
as she found one of our brothers found a perch
on her kitchen stove, dropped the utensil in her hand.
He, taking another tiny flight landed on the lady's apron

Aha! Now, the lady's scream turned a queer concert
of a dance, jumping jugglery. Her fun loving hubby
spurred out: "You kept telling you would dance for me
One day or other, today the inordinate delay ended"

The brilliant school going boy of the home tried
an instantaneous what he thought as a haiku:
"The approach of cockroach is the extremity of encroach".
Poets are born even in an extraordinary circumstance

The fun-loving father of the home cupping his hand
coolly groped for the tiny brownie, held him close.
And softly, gently took him to the window, out he flew
'Return of the dragon' is inescapable he always knew

Another docile young lady seems newly wedded
started nagging at her young dotting husband to shift
the house at once at the mere sight of our fellow being.
Poor couple ! Will be keeping on shifting houses !

A family on a picnic to a woody spot, the lady spotted
one of us, "Impossible, these filthy phantoms, here too"
The man spoke, "Oh, these brown beauties, family friends
They are omnipresent, heaven or hell found everywhere"

What a great hit on the nail ! The man is wise for we are
the real phoenix, blackish brown beetles with weird wings.
We don't make legends, but licensed to live everywhere
for no repellent, nothing can make us extinct, never.