

# Night Birds

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*Starry Night*, Edvard Munch, 1900-01

Night-birds in-between the branches  
Of linden trees—deathless birds  
Winging quietly: harsh words  
The moonlight blanches.

Flap—  
Mother sets child to bed;

Flap—  
Coins for the dead.

Leaves in the wind,  
Night-birds take flight;  
Babbling—we sinned  
To reach their height.

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