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Bird

A bird
is a cheerful
salute
to the morning,

a bright
summation
for flowers
in our garden,

and a swift
inclination
to a flight
of fancy.

Child

a bubble of spontaneity
a laugh
that really started
in her eyes
a giggle that came
from within
her own ribs
as a child creates joy of life

Marshalling Your Thoughts

Start with a million words,
not all yours
but still easily drafted from the big book,
waiting in the wings of language.

Then the culling must begin:
some fall to the heavy axe,
a few shot from afar,
a slicing blade, a dagger here.

You lob grenades into the ranks of clichés,
bury the dead and dying,
but salute the brave and nimble left standing.

Until finally,
after you clean up the survivors and assign duties,
a thought well said steps forward.



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