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QUITTING

You phoned me at the feeder on fifty-ninth street
There where the women with the faces of birds
were eating pocketbooks and ten-dollar pantyhose and
stuffing in Schiaparelli scarves
You told me to come licking my thighs through the
wires and pushing word after word between my legs
So I threw my flower in the aisle and rode my heat
through birdies pecking and flapping
I saw a pelican try to choke down a gold pendant four
times before I reached the door