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Do they mate for life.
   In pairs, brown against green: complement.

Will they be going away for winter.
   I have a sister in California,
   futon next to the temperate porch.

Is he trying to impress her,
   holding his chest above the water.
   When we see something we like,
   we lean toward it.

They wish they had bread crumbs, or something to offer.
   You bring a loaf of homemade bread
   and make tea in my kitchen.

Those two at the edge of the pond
   developing a complicit look,
   a coded telephone ring.
   Difficult to find privacy when their voices can be overheard, when their feet are bright orange.

How do they communicate sudden changes in the air.
   Though neither announces it, both travel in the same direction.

What will they do when it snows.
   They’ll be tucked beneath feathers in a warm pocket of woods,
   just the two of them, eating bread and seeds.