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## GEOFFREY BABBIT

### *No Note*

a bluebird left its broken wing  
under my window—light bones  
and feathers make for short letters—good  
read though—blew right through me—  
told of an old man in the park  
whittling a hull frame over a chessboard—  
ribs for a ship—unless not  
ribcage but birdcage—wings unfold  
into good letters—one thing a wing most  
means is *bluebluewater—cold—hey*  
just the other day I saw a finch  
splashing in the gutter—bathing, for a bird,  
makes wings wooden  
for you too—you and I we  
need the sky to keep us clean