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Boys Playing Frisbee

You know the obedience
of your body like a lover.
Nothing you do makes a fool of you.
The disk lets you do anything —
it floats —
it dreams in the wind.

Like a lizard's tongue, you snap it
from the golden air.
You laugh with your wrists.
You shine.
You dare to glide through unfamiliar dances,
and move as only the best can,
only the naturals.

Mayday on This Planet of Grass

A chain saw's crazed snarl.
The sounds of cars like surf.
The long acid drone of a Sunday airplane.

This is the revolution
of the flywheel and the manic cylinder —
the wings of fern and tree ghosts
hover, uprooted,
blunder into the light,
bearing their own deaths with them.