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POETRY

GRAIN EXCHANGE

Kilograms of crushed corn
seeds of sunflowers
disappear from feeders
like dinner from a plate,
fill insatiable reservoirs
of chickadee and jay,
redpoll, sparrow, siskin.

Entertain us with your antics now,
sing arias in spring.
In summer's heat
make meat of garden pests

till autumn's chill
triggers our instincts
to fill your feeders again.

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