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### Abstract

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Walnut shells are centered  
on the concrete gazebo floor  
all within a small circle.

A small child's gathered treasure?

I slip away to the lawn,  
and the world pond quiets.

A grizzled squirrel carries in a walnut,  
holds it like a chalice, gnaws out the nut,  
and leaves the shell within the circle,  
then repeats herself time and again.

A squirrel shaman? An artist?  
An eccentric?

If I dump a bag of shelled walnuts  
into the circle,  
would I encourage a new religion,  
reward an artist,  
or just froth the mind of Crazy Alice?