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During the first class of the day,  
I heard a student say,  
“That bird dropped something...”

Back to the window,  
I lectured to the drowsy class,  
let the comment pass,  
ignored the clumsy wing.

Later, under the recess sun,  
strolling until my job was done,  
I saw a mystery on the walk.

Dark, moist, a five-inch span,  
Toe-touched dual parts,  
a pair of lungs.

Bizarre find on a playground yard.  
Explanations were hard  
and quickly marred  
by questions from the young.

I looked up wondering what I'd see  
in the mindless blue.

Then I remembered what was said.  
A bird dropped something as it sped  
in flight overhead earlier in the day.

From the desert or nearby highway  
a crow scavenged  
then flew by our way,  
dropped the morsel where children played  
and turned my day bright red.

