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Halfway up a tree  
a cicada has split its back,  
climbed from its body like  
a spirit from the grave.  
All day the ghosts gather,  
haunt me from above.  
They speak with the voice of heat.

Death is like a fat black cricket.  
At night it finds a way into the room,  
gets close, its legs working against its body  
make a music too harsh and beautiful for sleep.



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