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black birds in the tree house saloons

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in dallas city parks
in deep summer days
the trees' red berries begin
fermenting like free fat
grapes and homemade wine

joyful birds swirl,
get noisy and fly in
flocks aimlessly like
drunken cars above trees
and buildings every

afternoon as if happy hour
was meant for them too, and
round twilight people migrate
home while dizzy birds hush up
in tall trees twenty to a branch

