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by Carl Stanislaus

It was early one morning
When without any warning
A swarm came out of the west
And put our town to a test.

What brought this blackened blight
And caused this terrible sight?
Few can remember, and no one knows
Why it covered our town
Like a new suit of clothes!

The pounds of crawling creep
Filled every doorway two feet deep,
And the appalling, sickening stench
Seeped under the doors and filled every trench.

A call went out to our City Hall
For trucks and loaders; and in no time at all
There was an end to our nightmare morning
And the cricket invasion—without any warning. □