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[Selections from *The Transformation of Material Things*]

The wood-chipper whines—
its beam of noise flowering
in the morning street

its mechanical jaws masticate
the branches and leaves fed to it
the weight of beetles and larvae
mashed by its yellow tongue

one robin sounds its bell
above the flustered sparrows

I watch a mockingbird take off
from the peak of my neighbor's roof
as if it's seen and heard enough

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