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# Birds and Trees

by Richard Dinges Jr.

If you believe, birds  
speak from trees. Unaware,  
we hear trees sing  
sweetly, calling an audience,  
a feathered following  
gathered in shadows.  
Before leaves burst,  
birds erupt from limbs  
and gnarled fingertips,  
fully formed in flight,  
learning their voice  
to practice in spring  
and sprout their own  
to fill the tips of wings.