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## Pest(icide)

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This bastard buzzes, bitches  
Boisterous beating of wings  
Bounce off battered walls  
Bruising my brain

Clammy cupped hands,  
Catch creepy creature  
Its chassis cramped and caged  
Like a king in check

I press together perspiring palms  
A practically imperceptive squish  
The putrid noise is paused  
Perfect, peaceful placidness

At last, lacking life  
I take a long look  
At little limp legs  
A lifeless liquid lump

At once I see now still  
Its wings are iridescent  
Even under these fluorescents  
Shattered stained glass in the sun

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