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Notes
soar off in
all directions,
flapping their
wings as the
harmonies swell.
Even the cupids and vines
that decorate
the ceiling
cannot resist
the hypnotic pull of the music.
They swing from the chandeliers,
dancing faster and faster
in the whirlwind of noise
until

silence

not a breath is taken

and with a roar that
surrounds and drowns me,
I'm pulled up
out of my seat
and into the
crowd's ovation.

I look up and the plaster sleeps.

by Sunshine VanBael