

SUSAN LAUGHTER MEYERS

At Odd Angles Speedily

the smallest bird threading the tea olive
I'm calling blue-gray gnatcatcher

on a hunch as the little birds weave
in & out too wary & nimble for naming

with the same quick circuitry thoughts
flit through though they sometimes collide

not necessarily heeding light or proximity
you know the rules or the hint of them

something like the long suspension
of carpenter bees holding & drifting

up down & sideways dipping
& rising at odd angles speedily

to that perfect circle meanwhile the crow's
shadow has passed over hugely twice



ABOUT SUSAN LAUGHTER MEYERS



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