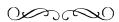
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The Cardinal

Red star
hopping
across the yard,
rolling spark,
burning backwards,
bouncing up
into the unburnt tree.

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