

Progressions

At first a pluckable fruit, the sun  
spins into forbidden,  
an unbearable white disc.

Roofers alight, sipping  
their coffee, girding  
for the climb,  
as boys into trees.

All at once, the sun ascends.

The trees relax their fists.

Yesterday, a story was whispered around,  
regarding a child wandering  
into hospital rooms at night,  
beckoning, not speaking,  
everyone hearing speculating  
on just what spirit this could be.

Now, the rising day  
hushes the birds,  
as the glass chimes settle.



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