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Nesting

She  
has nested in an  
attic intake vent  
above the entryway door,  
one of those small,  
circular passages  
high enough  
that I did not notice  
its wire mesh gate  
had fallen away.

She  
carried in  
fragments, green,  
collected from the  
woods and fields  
beyond  
the stores  
and streets  
visible from my window.

She  
burrowed  
through the wall  
and filled the space  
between ceiling and roof,  
shifting the insulation,  
moving beneath the floors  
into the foundation,  
so that even when I sleep,  
I hear scratching  
and chirping  
and singing.



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