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## A Bird Came Down the Walk

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A bird came down the walk,  
He did not know I saw,  
He bit an angle worm in halves  
And ate the fellow, raw.

And then, he drank a dew  
From a convenient grass,  
And then hopped sidewise to the wall  
To let a beetle pass.

He glanced with rapid eyes  
That hurried all abroad,  
They looked like frightened beads, I thought,  
He stirred his velvet head.

Like one in danger, cautious,  
I offered him a crumb,  
And he unrolled his feathers,  
And rowed him softer home.

Than oars divide the ocean,  
Too silver for a seam,  
Or butterflies off banks of noon,  
Leap, plashless as they swim.

