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## The Bird // Carter Staub

My father shot a robin  
with his first gun  
when he was twelve.

He didn't kill  
it, so he stood  
two feet from it,  
flat on the ground  
to shoot again.

When it was done, he held  
the bright feathers in his hands  
and cried.