

# Insect

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That hour-glass-backed,  
orchard-legged,  
heavy-headed will,

paper-folded,  
wedge-contorted,  
savage—dense to kill—

pulls back on backward-moving,  
arching  
high legs still,

lowered through a deep, knees-reaching,  
feathered down  
green will,

antenna-honest,  
thread-descending,  
carpeted as if with skill,

a focus-changing,  
sober-reaching,

tracing, killing will.

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