Mockingbird

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No other song
  or swoop (part
  quiver, part swivel and
  plash) with
  tour de force
stray the course note
liquefactions
(its new,
bawdy air an
aria hangs in) en-
thralls,
  trills, loops, soars,
  startles, out-warbles,
out-brawns, more
juicily,
  lifts up
the dawn, outlaws from
  sackcloth, the cool
  sloth of bed sheets,
  from pillows
  and silks
  and blue-quilted, feminine
bolsters, fusses
  of coverlets;
  nips as the switch
of a juvenile willow, fuzz
  of a nettle, to
window and window
  and window and ever
  toward egress, to
  flurry, pollen
and petal shed,
  to wet street
and wet pavement,
  all sentiment intemperate,
  all sentience
ephemeral.

Source: Poetry (November 2012)