To Kill a Mockingbird

a warbler makes a special sound when it roosts

in a nest of twigs and dried Especialitos. it warbles

alone, no bird hollers back at any distance. some

thing is lost at each of its decibels, first wind,

then feet. soon it’s just the hum of a vacuum cleaner,

the sound of a rolling ankle, a Psalm, another

mother taking a slow walk to a sad tune.

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