

## Writing a Will

Dust specks on sill distract from all that's happening  
outside my window [ garden wind ]  
What has that dust been? Through my pane a bird  
repeats monotonous 4-syllable declaration which  
harmonises with humming, single syllable gas heater.  
Otherwise sound is me, trying to settle, things.  
There's my will to be written but dead fly to be removed  
so I can focus. Corpses distract. What could be said  
that hasn't been said? Fly was alive, now it's dead.  
(I doubt rhyme's of any benefit) No need for eulogy  
but when did that stop anyone? Death is no trippy  
tragedy even if cause was painful violence:  
insect spray, a fly swatter, a clap.  
(case of aforementioned fly) You won't find *pointful*  
in a dictionary so feel free to feel miffed. *Miffed* is but  
perhaps should not be in dictionaries. It miffs me to use it;  
hence I would lose it. *Annoyed* sounds more apt.  
*Miffed* sounds delighted now that I bravely consider.  
Fly annoyed me so it deserved death by lethal handclap.  
I was *miffed* (delighted). Not *clapped* as in *applauded*,  
although flies are exquisite beings in a certain light.  
Alpha male in 4-wheel drive h o n k e d his horn,  
annoyed me but escaped death by clapping.  
Not so shy wee fly and it's obvious why. Unlike me,  
a lizard would have eaten the fly and thought nothing.  
People die without wills, leave messes, are still eulogised  
extravagantly. So this for my fly then into the bin with scraps  
of other organic muck. One needs an image or two to ground

a eulogy or it becomes mumble muddle. *Mess* doesn't qualify as helpful image. Dead fly was somewhat flattened, broken at point of unceremonious removal. And I too now feel flat, have lost entirely any will to continue.



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