

Evenings: His Church Calling

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The sound burrs in my head
like a racket of angry birds
swirling from the sky.
He's gone again;
how many times must I mow the lawn
mulling that same pit in my mouth,
leaning into the green that grows too fast?

He has missed too many mowings.

Only after the sun has fondled the horizon,
and the mower has eaten away
at everything green
and splintered a bone hidden near soft roots,
will he step home onto gray pavement
with the darkness growing in blades
around the moon.

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