Ode to the Honey Bee

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Blessed be
The honey bee:
Miniscule
Cacophony.

Darting ‘bout
Lazily,
Carefully,
The stamen’s jewel.

Blessed be
The winged beast
On tiny joints
And fuzzy breast.

Bathing sweet
In nectar fields,
Happily
In apathy.

Blessed breeze
That disagrees
And blows away
With haste and ease

The sacred thrum,
The holy drum,
Its restlessness
Impetuous.

The pitch and yaw
Of pollen crown:
A pirouette
On blossom’s breast.

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Blessed be
This honey bee:
The flower’s own
Soliloquy.