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HAWK OF THE HIEROGLYPHICS

His deep-seated anger
reflects in his silence.
One eye perched against a color.
Black invisible thoughts
decoding the sky.

Once I saw him diving
towards me, craving more air
under his wings, but I moved
out of the squirrel body.
I felt no pain
when claws landed.
Just a gush of air.

His dizzy shadow passes
over when it's not reflected
against an old piece of pottery.
I know he's reading
the inscriptions. Irritable
little lines on clay.

