

To the Man Passing London Zoo's Blackburn Pavilion Clock at 12:30 p.m.
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Like a hummingbird
 pinned to a fencepost, freed
 of its Whirling Dervish world
and bound
to stillness
as seconds untried
 flit,
 flee, unravel,
 fly,
I greet you and the impish children
Change and Time.

Author's Note: London Zoo's Blackburn Pavilion houses hundreds of bird species and includes the largest collection of hummingbirds in the U.K. The clock at its entrance springs into mechanical life, complete with chirping birds, every half hour.

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