

## Clay-Coloured

Who has fathomed that insect  
voice? Does it emanate from  
vocal cords, or oscillation of  
experimental tongue? Someone  
must know. If I weren't so busy  
living (and dying) I'd have  
time to enquire.

Meanwhile,  
small sparrow, I stand admiring  
your insistence on speaking  
(singing?) your celebration  
in that tone unique, in  
the manner you please.

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