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## Haiku

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## Monarch Moves

A monarch of the hand  
lies damp with three days' alcohol,  
and we, subject to these wings,  
feel somehow pudgier and more pale.

But then he moves—a whole dominion,  
leg by leg, with flex and creep,  
moves through death of brain and limb,  
moves in nightmare walk, no rather,  
some raging holy ghost strides  
through the bright domain of orange and black  
leaving staggered traces of its passage.

We vote: father, mother, son.

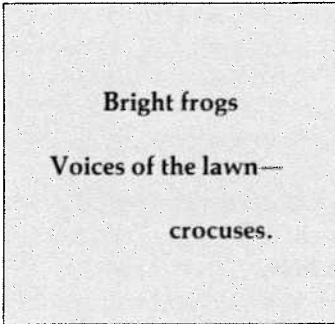
And are unanimous for death.

Kill it, says the father. This is wrong.

Let it go, the mother chides.

Don't kill it! whines the boy. I want  
to keep it on a pin.

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Bright frogs  
Voices of the lawn—  
crocuses.