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poem

On Magritte's Healer

Kate Evans

The man does not mind being vulnerable
Does not mind letting us see
That in his heart and head live birds,
Nothing but birds and air.

He tries to look like everyone else
With his big stick, coat and hat,
But inside there is nothing but this singing.
He is bewildered.
What can he do?

He comes and sits down in the art gallery,
Attracted by the pictures of birds
And suddenly, for him, time stops.
He does not care if he ever moves again.

He has all at once become a teacher,
Has found himself, his destination
And the right surroundings for his birds.

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