

Med Flight

Madison, Wisconsin

Badger-red metal dragonfly
zeroes into sight
tail up in descent
big white 2 painted on its belly
eggbeater wings tread thin air
vast hospital roof a shimmering
pond below the hover bug.
It's not for me to see from this angle
what trauma they treat
blocked heartery
or crash victim
please no overdose.
A New Englander passing through
I whisper a Samaritan's prayer
into the arms of white lilacs.
They crowd the sidewalk
in frilly dress like southern girls
whose only worry is Friday night,
which leaves me - one woman speck
to inhale the breath of life
respire
repeat

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