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Packing Up The Tent

In the animal park
confined by wire
macaw and macaw
red-fronted
preen or seem asleep
at rest
perched on a crooked bough.

An adult human male
reading the signs
Endangered?
No wonder:
seals and chimpanzees
at least
put on a fucking show.

He fails to spot
the globe of terror
the wall of death
and the perishing
safety net. And yet
he still expects
no encore.

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Favourite Poem: Mending Wall by Robert Frost