Giant of Illinois

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The giant of Illinois Died from a blister on his toe After walking all day through the first winter snowThrowing bits of stale bread To the last speckled doves He never even felt his shoes filled with bloodDelirious with pain, his bedroom walls began to glow And he felt himself soaring up through falling snow And the sky was a woman's armsA boy with a club foot Had sat next to him in school Once upon a summer's day They went wandering through the woodsThey spotted a sleeping swan On the banks of a muddy stream And they stormed it with rocks Till it collapsed in the reedsThey lay out on the grass Full of chocolate and lemonade But underneath it all the giant was afraid The sky was a woman's arms

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