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THE ARBITER

I killed it easily. It wasn't warm,
It wasn't beautiful or soft, its eyes
Held no appeal, this creature I despise.
Yet there's a strange perfection in its form--
I try to look more closely but a swarm
Of always-scouting scavengers, the flies,
Appears on cue the moment something dies.
I back off, mostly from my inner storm.

This animal was ordained at its birth,
Each cell a triumph, living as designed.
No one appointed me to judge the worth
Of miracles that reproduce their kind.
My flawed esthetics do not rule the earth.
Forgive me, our Creator, I was blind!

--Glenna Holloway