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Take your birds and put them in a bag.
Put them in your canyon bag
and float them down
the river.

Get rid of your finches and steps
and copper and acoustics.
Darwin has no place
in the heart.

The paper burns, the copper corrodes,
the finch dies and rots
in the river.

Tears stand like stone
in the Galapagos.
You're damn right love is not immutable - you're damn right.
Worm food.