

## **She Inherits His Steady Hand**

The year of his decline, the diminishing  
Marine sat by the aviary where finches  
flung seeds, where his five-year-old

granddaughter lifted the spoon, where  
he mimicked her gesture,  
opening his mouth to be fed like a bird.

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