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## Wilson: Wasp in a Trap

### WASP IN A TRAP

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What trick is this thing with no escape,  
this plastic cone hung from a branch?

The wasp had followed the sweet scent  
through the air's various tripwires,

and believed it found a heart, a host body?  
Attraction is as natural as repulsion,

but what force keeps it crawling here,  
an instinctual scent, or a trapdoor, a way out?

Because I haven't found my way out of a body  
since birth, because you've taught me to look

at all of the world as a trap, I now understand  
I crawl for your sweet lures, and that escape

from your plastic heart never flowered,  
even briefly, within my insect mind.