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Don't kick the rattlesnakes! Now you've done it—  
they're circling you, the not-snake among them.  
Now Thelonius Monk rises  
from his piano, begins spinning,  
leaves the stage—and the stage follows.  
Thunder comes through the clear walls  
and a bug with an orange triangle  
for a back travels the kitchen sink's lip,  
the world passing through us as we pass  
in electromagnetic push-pull.  
Near and far, bodies bend space, alluring,  
while the Giant watches without eyes,  
with eyes of blue fire, dull white, black.  
But how did you and the snakes change  
into—raccoons, are you? I see you see  
me, you leap from the circle and run  
this way, my human daughter.