

SPARROW TREE SQUARE



Night Creatures

“Good *things* of the *day* begin
to *droop* and *drowse*;
Whiles *night's* black *agents*
to their *preys* do *rouse*.”

– from *Macbeth* by
William Shakespeare (1564-1616),
English playwright and poet

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The bat is dun with wrinkled wings

Emily Dickinson

The bat is dun with wrinkled wings	1
Like fallow article,	2
And not a song pervades his lips,	3
Or none perceptible.	4
His small umbrella, quaintly halved,	5
Describing in the air	6
An arc alike inscrutable,—	7
Elate philosopher!	8
Deputed from what firmament	9
Of what astute abode,	10
Empowered with what malevolence	11
Auspiciously withheld.	12
To his adroit Creator	13
Ascribe no less the praise;	14
Beneficent, believe me,	15
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