

Briolette

Where Have All the Blue Birds Gone?

They came early to peck unripe cherries.
Hoping for wormy ones each fruit carries.
Not waiting for lower ground blueberries.
But when the cherries ripened, unblemished
Cherries were left to people who relished.

Unsprayed, no sound traps, or glittery pans
to chase away cherries' staunch bluebird fans
We had enough for friends and cherry clans.
Climbing ladder to near top of the tree,
we picked most of the cherries gingerly.

The blue birds brought much happiness to us
without deterrents to picking or fuss.
The purple, ripe cherries were fabulous.
If hungry blue birds come later next year,
we have this fruitful harvest to hold dear.

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1. Invented by Viola Berg
2. Any number of cinquains made up of a triplet and rhyming couplet.
3. Iambic pentameters or syllable count ten per line.
4. Rhyme Scheme: a-a-a-b-b c-c-c-b-b