

## Ercil

### Curtailed Flight

Frantic fly lands  
on window facing yard,  
escapes eager, fly-swatting hands,  
flits in all directions, crawls glass, works hard  
to go outside.  
Fly can see spring's green world,  
stuck inside but no pesticide,  
nestles in live plant for respite. Fly's hurled  
futilely against pane.  
Fly's never free again.

**Ercil:** Introduced by James Gray

1. Ten lines.
2. Syllable Count: 4-6-8-10-4-6-8-10-6-6
3. Rhymed Scheme: a-b-a-b-c-d-c-d-e-e
4. Combined: 4a-6b-8a-10b-4c-6d-8c-10d-6e-6e