Today's poet, Marnie Reed Crowell of Deer Isle, welcomes spring with three brief poems about birds.

Three Poems
by Marnie Reed Crowell

Peek

Between the twigs
a warbler sings

morning air
aglow with aria

and all I see
is a tiny eye.

haiku by sparrow

Pale sun, old snow
white-throated sparrow
cold pure call of spring
call of spring

Spotted Sandpiper

Just at the silver seam
between the sea and shore
spotted sandpiper
teeters, speaks softly to itself
a poem it has by heart.

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