

Winning Poems in 2021 CFCP, Inc., Annual Contest

1. Fixed Forms, Third Place

Spring Arrival (*Pantoum*)

Red crested bird on a branch
clutching talon tight
Marble-eyed with piercing glance
billowing upright.

Clutching talon tight
to branches bared and iced.
Billowing upright
by winter's end enticed

to branches bared and iced.
He's come too soon here
by winter's end enticed
to this barren bier

He's come too soon here.
Now frozen to his manse
to this barren bier
red crested bird on a branch

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