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Desire: A Bestiary

Magnificent Frigate-Bird

Where is your nesting site?
Mud-spattered branch, or tree—
even the ground will do.
Time, now, to raise your voice,
your skilled falsetto, skyward
as if to summon down
from extraordinary flight
a mate, her wings spread wide—
Your throat-sac quivers, bright balloon
from which song bursts
too late, too soon,
your head near-swallowed
by the pulsing of your throat.

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