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Field Swans

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From the train I saw five swans
asleep in a green field
their heads tucked under in that
sensuous gesture that only swans can make.

I wondered if they would awake suddenly
startled by their circumstance.
Would they lift their elegant heads and
fret about where they were
and how they got there?

Or would they rise on strong webbed feet
and moving clumsily
wobble by wobble
make their way to any shore
from there to glide serenely
to where they meant to be?

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