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## **Drone**

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I am the drone of a banjo's fifth string. I am the drone that gives bottom to the chanter in a highland fling.

Haw, hum. I am the drone of drone itself, planted so pleasurably in the mouth. A monotone. A lodestone. I'm an MQ-9,

a Reaper Drone, ranging wide, circling in the sky. No windows, no cockpit. No one onboard. See how my Hellfires

fly faster than sound. I am drone, from the tymbal under the cicada's wing. I gather no pollen, and have no sting.

Arriving unheard, I haunt the sky and inseminate the queen before I die. I am a poetry that celebrates power.

I bring. I bring. The white house is empty. I bomb air. I bomb stone. My country, 'tis of thee I sing.

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