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## WHO PUT THE “SICK” IN CICADA?

Hibernating in the ground for seventeen long years,

Cicadas commence from their burrows.

For two months,

Their buzz will be heard,

And their shells will mark their territory.

Ebony bodies

Compliment beady red eyes.

Clear wings

Enable them to fly from predators.

Strong russet legs

Climb up

Clinging to the surface

Where the cicada molts.

Harmless,

Cicadas cover the sidewalks

From curb to curb.

At the final stage of molting,

Empty cicada shells envelope trees, buildings,

And they will blanket the ground.