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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.

~~Their~~ ebony bodies
Compliment ~~their~~ beady red eyes.
Clear wings
Enable them to fly from predators.
Strong russet legs
~~Always~~ climbing climb up
~~To~~ cling to the surface
Where the cicada molts.

Harmless,
Cicadas cover the sidewalks
From curb to curb.
At the final stage of molting, planted
Empty cicada shells will be attached to trees, buildings,
And they will be all over the ground.