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After Stevens's "Earthy Anecdote"

Every time the electrons
Came skittering off the filament
They met with a magnetic field.

They came skittering until
They swerved in a swift
Circular line to the right
Because of the field

Or until they swerved
In a swift circular line
To the left
Because of the field.

The current in the magnet
Reversed, shifting the field
To the right, to the left;

Later the current was turned off,
And the field
Vanished.

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