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BIRCH TREES

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-And these birch trees,
once White and silvery optimistic,
they spread their branches
like hair-thin borders on our maps.

They sprinkle their seeds
to give life where life is,
and their bark begins to rot to black.

For they know;
they soon will be smashed
and turned into pencils,
handles for those very sickles,
and frames for pictures hanging on hammered nails.

-The story of my wood -
that of which I am built.

