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Has it come to this, so small?  
Almost a husk of bone and galled  
skin, your body curled in tight:  
leaf-sheath waiting for a gust to crack  
it open – as if you wanted one  
more flight? You'd hoped to "just go"  
once. But must wait for now. No one  
here can bring the wind up right.

Now you turn your face. You don't  
want to hear us cry. And you won't  
speak, either, though I try to hold  
your hand. I am afraid to come near  
you again. We hurt you, being here,  
as you watch us watching you grow cold.