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## PALINODE

It was time to come in from the wind  
or didn't you know  
below the darkwindowed houses  
whose knockers brought  
no one to the door as you listened  
to the swishing of leaves:  
maple, crabapple, oak  
deeprooted in earth  
with its texture of rotting nets.  
You wished it weren't true,  
but the swishing sounded  
like a palinode, the leaves ripping  
apart their promises  
of an hour before, warning you  
of more wind and darker  
storms roiling over farmlands.  
I see the portico where you stood  
seeking protection  
as though the self could escape  
its own bad weather.  
I remember the sound of your voice  
describing how much more  
there could be as trucks plowed  
north toward Marengo,  
as time clicked its teeth  
and scraped each minute  
like fingernails down your back.