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**TREES ARE PEOPLE AND THE PEOPLE ARE
TREES**

The dreaming man sat at his table,
listening in the forest of paper
and shattering glass.
Words were straws in the wind.

He thought hard of certain rocks,
of water at the roots of things,
and tree-mouths gummed with sap.

And there in the crowded commons
three hundred striding people—
gesturing, eating the air—
halted around him, suddenly quiet:

They sprouted leaves and cones,
they wore strange bark for clothing
and gently lifted their arms.