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QUESTIONS ABOUT AND NEAR DUCKS

Do they mate for life.

In pairs, brown against green:
complement.

Will they be going away for winter.

I have a sister in California,
futon next to the temperate porch.

Is he trying to impress her,

holding his chest above the water.
When we see something we like,
we lean toward it.

They wish they had bread crumbs, or something
to offer.

You bring a loaf of homemade bread
and make tea in my kitchen.

Those two at the edge of the pond

developing a complicit look,
a coded telephone ring.
Difficult to find privacy when their voices
can be overheard, when their feet
are bright orange.

How do they communicate

sudden changes in the air.
Though neither announces it, both travel
in the same direction.

What will they do when it snows.

They'll be tucked beneath feathers
in a warm pocket of woods,
just the two of them, eating bread and seeds.