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When the leaf falls off the tree,
Do you think the tree remembers the betrayal?
Reliving the moment leaf's stem snapped
And it fluttered to the ground, gloating in its freedom.
Does the tree believe leaf's promise that another will take his place next year?
Or do you think winter becomes tree's only friend,
A punishment for believing it could prolong the spring?
Do you think the tree replays in its mind the
Things it should have done to hold leaf's interest –
Ways it could have leaned to share more sunlight
Or compliments it should have given to leaf's rosy hue?
Do you think the tree remembers the betrayal?
I'd compare you to the leaf if you were worthy,
The tree and I now lovers left to grieve.