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Peas of dew sparkle
from the bent grasses,
already midmorning,
but very cool this
October fourth.

Mostly greens, yellows coming,
small red maples peeking
from the populated edge,
subject of a landscape
painter's palette.

No painter will ever
capture this breeze
playing with soft shadows
constantly, a moving picture
not seeking an Oscar.

Lanky leaves of wine-red
sumac just shake their heads
over this unpaintable
beauty, this natural earth
even before our intrusion.

Dense margins of tall cattails,
sturdy in their yellowed age,
surround what's left of the marsh,
drained now by fall
and this year's drought.

Quiet is broken by birds
loving their freedom,
and a nearby train:
reminder, reminder,
reminder.

