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They called my eyes straight up
into the dense Linden tree,
maybe a hundred eager wrens,
chattering and hopping amongst
thick leaves, now ruffled
hearts of shining berry red.

The movie could wait
in the old Glen Art Theatre;
I was sure the Linden trees
that edged the sidewalk
held at least as much drama
as shimmered on the screen inside,

probably conversations
far surpassing any contrived
movie script; the interchange
of close friends, the darling plans
for flight from here to Mississippi,
and the lessons of love.