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I am not a photographer
so I had never before considered
contrast within a picture,
but it always catches my eye in this picture of us.

The leaves are so perfectly orange as they are
for one day each year. Each a different shade that blends
to create a never-before-seen
and never-again-seen backdrop that presents

our flannels. Boasting gray and blue so strong
it almost seems like we use something more powerful
than store-brand detergent. Any darkness
the colors carry is warmed by the glow of the leaves.

Both colors on their own, unremarkable.
Only when brought together can they create
something so spectacular.
The same could be said for you and me.

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