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I comfort you in mourning,
but what good does it do?
Will catching autumn’s falling leaves
replenish trees anew?

If I fetched every leaf
before it reaches ground,
still September has arrived
with peril unannounced.

With haste the chilled air plucks
the brittle, once green leaves.
No human hand could reattach
the color to its tree.

a humble realization
there’s nothing I can do
only sovereign season change
will create leaves anew

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