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GUSTS RIP

October gusts rip leaves
from ash tree branches
battering each other
like two buck deer
battling with antlers
for king of the realm
as two young cats
pounce and leap
on the wounded, bird-like
prey tumbling to the lawn.

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INTO EXIT

Like a raucous parrot
she squawks into a room
and flaps around in disturbing
notions of pecking everybody
into bloody shreds or
pooping all over heads and shoulders
then preening her colorful
feathers like a horrible rainbow
at the doorway that can't fade
fast enough into exit.

DUAL FLIGHT

An awe glimpse
better remembered
in memory
of two birds together
like tandem skydivers --
except one a hawk
the other a robin,
and only one survives
the flight.