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If I had wings the deep blue tint of a mountain sky
after sunset I would be more vain
than I am already. I might believe
that my happiness is conditioned on being
observed and admired. Whereas birds
are rarely content, so we must be happy for them,
especially this particular pair, nesting
in the limbless obelisk of a maple tree.
They have russet and white breasts,
which make them look regal and calm as they perch.
Their blue, which predominates, is also a royal color.
How lucky they are to have found the opening
they need of the right size and distance from the ground
in which for now to make their home.