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Autumn sneaks in, into the leaves
of trees and busts the summer open
proving it mortal. Before me, my path

resumes. Lined with naked vines, my path
is worn and smoothed, a road that leaves
perpetually. I'm going again to open

old wounds among strangers in open
rooms, singing. I feel the pull of the path,
its drawing and drag, the trailing leaves—

leaves waving open-handed and the path, apathetic.