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Outside the crowded house,  
the young woman rested against a tree  
and closed her eyes to the shadowy night.  
She leaned to familiar strength  
and blended with the towering silhouette  
in scattered moonlight.

The October night slipped by  
on velvet wings. Fleeting clouds  
stole through the darkness,  
glimpsing, at times, the slender form  
beneath the massive cottonwood.

With a wind-driven somber song,  
the leaves sang softly  
as if in reverence to the lonely girl.  
She watched brittle, falling leaves  
and wondered if even the trees  
silently wept in the dying season.