

## TREES THAT LOOK LIKE RAIN

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A leaf, a green leaf's not  
one color, one side's  
slightly darker, I say one's lighter.  
The wind flips it first  
one way then the other  
before the storm clouds break.

And the tree on which it hangs  
with many other leaves  
looks like rain.  
It thrashes its long branches  
like Medusa in a rage.  
That tree has nothing to say

but says it anyway:  
first waves of light  
then darker waves  
of wind pass through  
the leaves and later  
that foliage turns brown.

If the tree doesn't mean  
anything by that,  
I still take it as fact:  
when trees look like rain  
they show the underside  
of all green things.

Or so it seemed that day  
walking along the river  
with storm clouds rolling in.  
All the trees there looked  
like rain. I have no regrets.  
I won't see you again.