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I try to take this century less personally than the last one. There are dogs barking all over the world, not just next door. I feed the ducks at the pond simply because I would want someone to do the same for my children. No matter how many ducks, more come. They seem to be adapting well to the current administration. The country has a new tax policy: we have to give our extra money to someone with less, and they can’t be related. Everyone is walking around with signs that show their bank balances and genealogies. Some guy sued all the way to the Supreme Court, arguing that, since everyone is related to everyone else if you go back far enough, we can only give our extra money to animals. This, in a sense, is why I feed the ducks, who are not only not related to me, but will never wake up one day to realize in disgust how vain and conventional they really are, then waste their bread on their sadness.