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For my Father

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now in a tattered, elbowless sweater
you sweep the brittle, fallen summer
into careless heaps that smolder
in the evening sun.

now pensive as the steady rain
pounds ashes into sodden earth
like the cradle for new grass, you say,
and mellow teardrops mold my eyes
into nests for springtime.