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Every morning I march by the tree.
I beam, its beauty is a dream.
It captivates me pre-class.
Looks as if it's on fire,
the flames falling
to cool grass.

She withered away.

I didn't cry; it's only nature.
Fall is completed,
leaves must drop,
like the fallen soldiers beneath it.

She's more barren than before—
I can't look anymore.
Her skinny arms,
waving weightless in the wind,
reach out to me.
Her small smile,
chapped lips cracking like tree bark
scratch and kiss my head.

Her own fiery spirit has shriveled
like the flaming leaves at her feet.
There is no disease,
just the course of nature

I almost didn't realize
the rapid change.

My grandma,
disintegrating so briskly.
Cheeks caving like leaves when crunched.
Her fall risk high when her body is rotten.

Winter knocks on our front entryway.
I won't open it—
but there's a
draft below the door.