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twist yellow leaf, drift almost up  
then down finally  
no noise, but we feel  
a sound, we feel  
the water touch,  
then fasten itself to the leaf  
as if it had been waiting.

And the rings echoed  
in us like ever-widening  
heartbeats  
that throb, small circles,  
then spread, and slow  
and ever outward  
melt back into the water . . .

