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## Intrusion

As I loll burned by words a poet wrote  
Spear-topped pines stab a storm, warm and splotching.  
There's rain and wind but no alerting note  
That this sky is deviling, needs watching  
And it slyly slips lower quite quiet.  
The rascally clouds bump and break and spill  
(I am not prepared, I'll not deny it)  
On me, on my book; they spill where they will.  
The strangling damp glowers all in a haze  
And thickens and dims day around me;  
It shrouds yellows and greens with wet grays  
Halting my reading, killing it soundly.  
Closing my book, I tuck it under my shirt  
And slog through rude rain muddying the dirt.