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Requiem

Once more the woods
 turn bare twigs to budding lace.
The ground puffs to pass green shoots.
 Alive the land! Yet not each
endures. Here and there above unknowing roots
 a few stand still in winter's reach.
Once more the woods—
 but once again a different face.

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