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There is a ring of feathers barely visible  
Around the moon tonight, a hunter's moon  
Washing fields—the senescent year,  
The long year, has laid himself down for a rest  
Over all the fields this night, not to perish  
But to slacken a spell, to empty the witching hour  
Of time in the wake of death's bird, lore's bird—  
The year is late for worms, for aspen buds,  
And the woodbird is taken away, picked clean,  
A hatching of bones under pines—I'll kick loam  
Over them and carry still my skull, searching  
To question sweeping, winged death.