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When the wind rushes  
And the rain falls in torrents  
Followed by blasts of snow  
Trees plummet  
Leaves spill  
Animals hide to survive  
When the storm stops  
And the sun shines  
The animals play until sunset

The violence of nature repairs itself

Humans advance  
Trees cut down  
New highways  
New houses  
Lost forests  
More cities

The injuries of human progress  
May be irreparable