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Thin leaves
drip, drip, drip
from leaky, half-inch pipes
of branches
rusted and
bent,
misshapen from a score of years
of hanging in the open
mauled and banged by wind
and rain
and their own weight.

Sing,
sing,
whistle and squawk,
you grey birds
showering
in the grey leaves.

Mistletoe drains down
murkiness upon you,
polluting you
less
than the water
in my bathroom.

Look
at that gum tree,
shattering the landscape,
an outsize outhouse,
built
by an artist
for birds.

It
may outlast
my
mansion

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