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## final echo

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*It doesn't take much                      only a little*  
*the cottonwood seeds                      in fluffs like white foam*  
*upon green waters                      seeming to sail back*  
*to slender branch-tips                      the only seconds*  
*before let them go                      on the waving breeze*  
*when have you felt so                      moved as they are moved*  
*and to whom to what—*

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