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The Woods Are Losing Their Cohesion

In old photographs
we tried to catch

a distant, chattering
blackbird, family at the cottage,

the trees resembling
the mixing on an artist's palette.

And you, father,
have returned with all your teeth.

And you, mother, hoped
we'd all live in one big house again.