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Again September

for Kevin Horn

Again September arrives shedding stubborn heat of a summer already in our museum of memory. Again we note darkness sneaking in earlier and earlier, maybe we’re caught by surprise as we were last year and will be again next year. Strange how each September seems a beginning even as leaves die in shrouds of color, the earth turning orange and red after months of solitary green. Good teachers consider the coming fall a mystery to unfold with students starting as strangers on a class list but blooming into learners after weeks turn to months in the enriching, fulfilling, sometimes exasperating, one of a kind story of a school year that begins again in September.

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