

A small bird with a dark cap and a light-colored body is perched on a thin, brown branch. The background is a dense, out-of-focus layer of bright yellow autumn leaves, creating a warm, textured backdrop. The bird is facing right, and its tail feathers are visible.

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**red-yellow leaves –
the grey sky pales
into a backdrop
for the maple trees –**

**branches curve
into chill winds
with autumn fullness
rearranged –**

**a swarm of sudden
birds and birds
explodes among
the shaking twigs –**

**chattering
through golden leaves
and wafting magics
on the breeze.**

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