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Dear Ones—this post-Thanksgiving morning
the red-tailed hawk—rusty-streaked, thin,
curved beak—landed on our deck with a packet
in his claws—one of our juncos, perhaps,
or a mouse—as the squirrels and sparrows fled;
and he looked at us with his sideways eye,
eating our breakfast of pumpkin pie—then
rose to fly through the arborvitae trunks
to some high branch where his breakfast,
too, could be made, his eye fixed on the sky.

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