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Elegy for What Hasn't Passed Yet

Just because there are beech trees
 welling up along Loup Run, where bear
in spring stretch their long bodies
 and push claws into the smooth bark
to mark this place as their own,
 don't think there always will be.

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