## My beautiful conifer tree

at the bottom of our garden,
dwarfed by the sycamores' dominating the Dene;
it attempts to reach them, communicate
I would love to believe.

When the sycamores' shed their leaves,
'Golden doubloons,' our grandson calls them,
the conifer has a halo of leaves strewn before it.
'Beauty is in the seeing,' I say over and over.

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