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The calm before  
the storm is eerily quiet.  
I have heard the saying before  
but this time was different—  
drawn out, drastic, a stalemate  
in the unholy hour.

But it was lightning speed  
then thunder then  
                                  lightning  
                  then  
nothing.  
a hitch in the wind's breath,  
                  and then  
rain.

And after all is said and done and  
the trees have settled their leaves,  
we change our clothes,  
and go to sleep,  
as if it had never happened