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A Message Unheard

The grey fog came one morning in the fall,  
up from the river to the forest edge,  
and crept unheard around my cabin wall,  
and played upon the breeze, among the sedge.  
So fast asleep, I did not hear it call :  
"Come out upon the lake, o humankind,  
and die with us. I am the funeral pall  
of earth." I heard the whisper of the wind  
and saw the foam along the river bend,  
and cursed the factories, but that was all.