

## Bad

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It got bad; pretty bad; then not  
so bad; very bad; then back to bad.  
Jesus, let's let things not get even worse.

A weird fall. Nearly ninety  
one day, leaf mold making our house  
all red eyes and throats. Don't think

about Thanksgiving, but hope  
for a decent Halloween. Everywhere  
gas-powered leaf-blowers growling—

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