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ADVENT

Two and two are four:

The first lesson I was taught,
An article of faith, a creed
I follow but can not believe.

And yet the maple tree
And my own blood believe
Because they were not taught
But knew and have that wisdom.

I can not envy blood
Nor leaves nor even engineers
To whom this knowledge is inheritance
Not learned but known
From womb and germ.
It is the old law
Common as a stone
And just as firm.

Grace implies a miracle to come,
A dispensation and forgiveness,

And for that Metamorphosis I wait.