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Many of the poems that have survived for hundreds if not thousands of years perfectly capture a single vivid moment. There's an entire season packed into this very short poem by Ed Ochester, from his recent book, *Sugar Run Road*. Ed Ochester lives in Pennsylvania.

Fall

Crows, crows, crows, crows
then the slow flapaway over the hill
and the dead oak is naked

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