

May the word run swiftly

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Like the invisible coyotes that streak through the woods  
to the fringes of our town, a bawling wind of voices.  
They've come too close, the village complains.  
Perhaps. I've heard the squeals of chipmunks  
caught in the fur-fire. People plug their ears,  
follow their dogs out at night. But still, I open  
my window to their shrill, persistent haunting,  
fall asleep to the blessed assurance  
of a pulsing, moon-ticked pack  
loping over the fallen leaves in the darkness,  
working together for some kind of good.