

The Morning Tree

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—*For Martina*

This early morning's double vision: the generous
span of the sky flung open, and over to the west

a full moon setting, her cool silver lip almost
disappearing behind the islands, just as

the sun is uprising in the east, spreading his gold
with a warm and benevolent hand. Light greeting light,

in this double vision, heavenly bodies circling on
the dance floor of our planet, beams from the celestial

couple touching with brilliance every tree, field,
lake, island, ocean. Even our little dogwood,

her blossoms already a saturated pink, glows brighter
to start the day, asking us, *What creative gifts*

do you have to offer us, this radiant morning?