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Picking through the Rubble after Election Day

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The hurricane is over.
Mr. Chaos has returned
to his gilded wilderness
and gold-plated bath fixtures.

Steam exhales from the debris
horizon to horizon.
Bad ideas die like vermin
across the rubble plain.

The bullet missed, whizzing by.
Now obituary notes
appear as wildflowers
in our great November spring.

We will learn something from this.
We will climb down from the trees.