

The Wind

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Shaking the earth awake to cause fear
a howl sweeps downward and seizes the night
but only for a minute, then fades and disappears.

It starts at the top of the rim, the frontier
gains speed and force in an endless fight
shaking the earth awake to cause fear.

The canyon walls spiral far and near
while the moon comes out to shed some light
but only for a minute, then fades and disappears.

The howl becomes louder, a roar so clear
a breath sighed from a heavenly site
shaking the earth awake to cause fear.

A trembling tent sits among cottonwoods here,
leaves fly and create a scene to excite
but only for a minute, then fade and disappear.

Layers of red dust settle as daylight rears
a rising sun quiets the roars of the night
that shook the earth awake to cause fear
but only for a minute, then faded and disappeared.