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The crow, that bird of shadowy
legend, carries
his own carbon beneath him. Not
quite as ebon as the bird himself,
but shape-shifting as it goes, his shadow
clowns the path
of his flight, then scrambles crazily
up the wall of the house,
arriving breathless at roof-top
miraculously
in time to slide under and shrink
to nothing as he tucks his wings
and surveys the unfolding day.

