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I need to take lessons
from this ancient cottonwood:
patience,
standing firm in times of danger,
giving up any semblance of control,
letting my hopes fly on the breeze,
doing my job of living as best I can
without worry of outcomes.

Later, I can take the graduate course
from my reprobate dog, Spot:
complete joy in simple things
like the smell of a mushroom,
making new friends easily,
loving unconditionally,
being completely present
in my own rather scruffy skin.