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From crowded seats for passengers,  
the gray of muted sky  
is watched by twice two trespassers,  
en route to Capra's lie.

November's eighth did add a year,  
one still for you now fresh,  
like Capra's aged, crackling cheer  
and swells of long-done breaths.

The path a falling tear will take,  
invented by a smile,  
is learned from Capra's actors' make,  
lives wonderfully beguiled.