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Cars swerve and horns honk,  
Slowpokes keep buzzards fed.  
Swift scurriers show up in trees-  
Bright beady specks of red.

Gray-Girl barks,  
Treeing like we rehearsed.  
Following the sound,  
My footsteps cross the leafy ground.  
Zacchaeus couldn't climb higher.  
Twenty-two aims, then fire.

12 In the black, ground breaks.  
Sure enough this will be  
The coon-dick-toothpick-talisman  
For my sweetheart and me.