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I cleaned the window
took away the tree,
bird feeders up
and very busy.

Thud

A chickadee hits the window,
falls upside down on the deck
heart still pounding.

I pick it up, my hands warm.

It stands up, panting

I place it gently in a quiet place
to recover, I hope.

Now I will put shiny strips
of reflective tape to
swirl on the windows,

convinced by the tiny invalid.

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