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How do the crows know
when I am awake, caw-ling
for the peanuts I will
scatter in the street?
I have made this arrangement
to rekindle every morning
a forgotten relationship
with Creation, to unbuild
the walls our so-called
civilization has erected
against Nature. I call them
the crow cousins, adapting
the Native arrangement
of a family of life.

Someday, I will shut-off
the alarms demanding
timeliness in obeisance
to the unnatural construction
called modern life &
wake when the cousins call.
I will make a Newer Covenant
& abandon dominion for
the company of familiars,
bring back the magic
we have abandoned
& repose in a whole world.