



## Catching Leaves

In autumn, through forested paths  
Showered by falling leaves,  
Each is a life fallen before mine.  
I catch some at full stride—  
And release to the ground  
The lives of those I loved.

Someday I will bud  
Atop a magnificent tree,  
Enduring spring's winds,  
Basking in summer's warmth,  
To a grand exit  
In yellow, red or brown,  
Gracefully drifting into the hand  
Of someone who loves me.

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