



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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