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The summer is here...or was, once. I remember it, beautiful and green. The lush hues, unbroken, swayed in the golden sun. Electric green stretched for miles, and I wanted to save it.

But soon the fields began to change. The sun burned too much: moisture evaporated air became dry.

The green was slowly dying on the lips of summer's mouth.

Only hot breath was left but even that was disappearing.

The fall was coming, waiting for summer's time to pass.
Secretly helping by dousing the trees with kerosene and dropping the match while I was pleading, begging for summer to stay.

But the fire had started: the leaves began combusting and I could do nothing but let the world be set ablaze. The green melted into gold and orange, red and brown.

And I am left with falling leaves and a promise that summer will come again.