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Remains

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I was walking in the field when I saw it; the leaf, fleeing from the rejected love of the tree. The wind, in sympathy, tried to carry the leaf away, only to fling it into the fence, where it remained trapped in agony. It clung there, staring at the tree, who stood with its back turned, coldly pretending it did nothing wrong. At first I felt bad for the leaf, but then I noticed something; it's the way it wraps itself around the link, refusing to escape through the gaping holes around it.

And so it stays, staring, withering, dying.