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What artist drew the autumn's portrait  
and hung it outside my door?  
Summer's fire now gone—the red,  
the rose, and playful plum  
have hemmed their frocks and danced away.  
Shades and tints of deeper hues  
browns and magentas turn upon the earth.

Horizons glow with gold  
and glean the soft skinned face of fall.  
Falling leaves scatter everywhere,  
to announce the monotonous days—  
The dying seed today is nature's pain and grief,  
yet, it will soon be back to feed tomorrow's life.

Past and present swirl about the earth;  
Does the flower regret the end of summer  
and the butterflies feel metal-cold  
beneath the howl of autumn's gale?  
Yet, who still remembers the distraught, fallen flower?

Sorrow of the season can only kill small joys,  
like fresh brewed tea, a glass of wine,  
or friends that put fire in the heart,  
to ease the world's sorrowing clouds.

Though plants and blossoms wither all too soon  
the human heart has miles and miles of fruitful fields.  
So, as sunshine dims, uproot weeds  
allow the heart its quiet night  
to nurture wisdom's wind-girt flowers.