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TOGETHER\APART

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i came
wearing a cloak of Midas touch
to coax the leaves
of oaks and maples
into shedding
their garish green masks
and revealing their vibrant beauty
crimson, lemon, auburn, maroon...

my body was hollow
my fire subdued
the day that you left

but our reunion so...
(the only word is) perfect
those flames roll through me again
and my face illuminates
my eyes shine

you stir up the life
that lie dormant for 53 days

i drown in your eyes
the green so unique
there is no word for it
fading to gold that hugs your pupils
they're like that leaves that
radiate as they quietly melt from one
hue to the next

the days pass too quickly...

and now i stare at those sad eyes
feel my own getting wetter
as i'm leaving i pity you, me, us

when i leave, i'm just one half
and my fabulous cloak
falls to the airport floor
boots and loafers
grind dirt in the fibers
and my patchwork heart
is tugged on at the seams
but not torn

i blink to release the tears
one falls for each day we'll be apart
but my wick is still burning
waiting to be fanned
by the first sight
of your glorious silhouette