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Autumn's Life

by Bernadette Wubbel

Did you see it?

It happens so quickly, as if in one day
All of the colors, and painters palette gone astray

Did you feel it?

A crispness in the air, a nip, a bite
message for the foliage, a frost tonight

Did you smell it?

A cleansing of a season, not a death
piles of leaves burning, autumn's sweet breath

Did you hear it?

The sound of change, a whisper of what is to come
the crunch of acorns, squirrels scurrying in a waning sun

Did you taste it?

Spicy apple cider, pumpkins giving their seeds to be toasted,
Sap to be tapped and boiled to sweetness, water chestnuts salty and roasted

Did you realize?

These are all gifts, sensed by the sharpness like that of a knife
see, feel, smell, hear, taste one more autumn, one autumn in our life