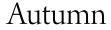
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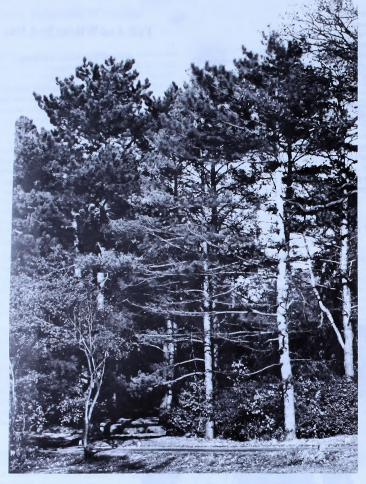
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Autumn

The three-legged creature Performs her shuffling ballet Across the open park; Shopping bag packed with Paperbacks and birthday cards.

Square brown coat Trailed by swirling eddies; Crisp spots of orange swoop down To perch on arthritic shoulders. Squirrely chase rations under brush.

Red rubber tip obediently sniffs out Perilous crevices; Black scarf hugs deaf ears, Its know abusing the throat. But spotless dentures flash as Squirrels clas their routes to heaven, Their cheeks puffed with winter.

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