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Autumn

Ed Cilley

*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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