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FEATURED POEM

end of summer thistledown caught in a spider's web

Jill Cartwright

dancing breeze a hoop pine seed glides in to land

Quendryth Young, Australia

early morning golden oak leaves match the sunrise

Tom Staudt, Sydney, Australia

sun shower a yellow leaf alights on my page

Nathalie Buckland

equinox wind sweeping out garden debris from last season

Barbara Kaufmann

each ruby leaf the old woman counts a gift

Jeannie Haughton

bamboo leaves fall swirling all in yellow

Nimali Perera, Sri Lanka

leaf-fall . . . how light spins into mulch

Earl Livings

autumnal equinox last rose fades under the rain

Maria Teresa Sisti, Italy

welly boot walk sliding furrows through fallen leaves

Ingrid Baluchi

new season the crunch of leaves maybe your steps

Maria Teresa Sisti, Italy

falling leaves a couple embraces against the tree

David Josephsohn

golden leaves brush my tears away

Val Smith

noisy youngsters attempt at falling leaves grandma by the window

Lanka Siriwardana

falling leaves we exchange the clothes in our closet

Pris Campbell

a cuckoo feather among falling leaves shades of autumn

Radhika De Silva, Sri Lanka

hottest summer the farmer fast asleep on the watermelon pile

Lakshmi Lyer

the pumpkin vine runs amok a late summer riot

Penny Szentkuti

piled high at the gate Halloween Pumpkins and an honesty box

Giddy Nielson-Sweep

season's end one last butternut swaddled in straw

Neena Singh, Chandigarh, India

footy siren picking the last ripe tomato

Louise Hopewell, Australia

mom's house nostalgia smells of apples

Guiliana Ravaglia

A lemon to crush Then add that gin to savour Cheers to all my dears

Andrew Piper

days lengthen gradually the birdsong

Polona Obak

end of monsoon a crow selects twigs from the fallen nest

Lakshmi Lyer

the season's rustle crackle whisper almost whoopee whistle riflebird

Alan Summers

morning moonset the black swan's bill blood red

Cathryn Daley

rain clouds blackening the sky Carnaby's cockatoos

Maureen Sexton

crows alight on the headstone early frost

David Josephsohn

staying in their lane returning geese

marilyn ashbaugh

morning mist and dew the cold creeping inside with spiders and mice

Marjolein Rotsteeg

first cold night a purring fur ball by my side

Tom Staudt, Sydney Australia

in a broken flowerpot singing his lonely song . . . the last cricket

Wendy Churchill

moths arising from my window ledge—inherited home

Nimali Perera, Sri Lanka

new coolness a moth's underside pressed against the window

Polona Obak

summer ends the scent of roses past their prime

Polona Obak

autumnal equinox last rose fades under the rain

Maria Teresa Sisti, Italy

Mother's Day she wants one rose next to Dad's urn

Ronald Degler

change of season my yellow orchid in full bloom

Margaret Mahony, Australia

chill wind a single camellia blooms beside the pool

Nathalie Buckland

sun dog blossom viewing in the snow

marilyn ashbaugh

Welcoming cool winds, fading flowers to golden, I hear your far voice

Tris Kerslake

As Winter turns the corner The snowdrops return in droves

Mary Burgess

daylight savings still out of balance from the last time change

Michael Henry Lee

out of control . . . a hot march wind fuels a bushfire

Wendy Churchill

warm anticipation firewood stacked

Maurice Neville

a halo around each streetlight hazy moon

Rick Daddario

sky glow through wheat dust the harvest moon

Rick Daddario

chilly breeze a spider's thread shifts the moonlight

Lyn Arden, Australia

new moon . . . drunk since evening stars and I

Milan Rajkumar, Imphal, India

change of season sliding through the stillness a harvest moon

Paul Callus

among friends a lone tree greets the Harvest Moon

Barbara Annas Gaiardoni, Verona, Italy

autumn wind i get carried off bit by bit

Subir Ningthouja, Imphal, India

March winds a dragon kite ascending fills my screen saver

Michael Henry Lee

destroyed cobweb small boys run into flying bullets

Myron Lysenko, Australia

crisp dawn my scarf infused with the scent of mothballs

Louise Hopewell, Australia

swapping my stilettos for comfy flats 40th birthday

Louise Hopewell, Australia

change of season a few more wrinkles at the corner of the eyes

Françoise Maurice, France

outbreak of spring with its changeable moods . . . first love saga

Natalia Kuznetsova

a long tunnel—
driving from autumn
back to summer

Tomislav Maretić

long walks our gossips end before we reach home

Mallika Chari

sunrise the colours change in her brush strokes

Mallika Chari

yellow buds on the gnarled eucalypt autumn breeze

Leanne Mumford

Autumn rusting to winter

Carol Reynolds

late swim the setting sun drowns the eucalypts

Julie Thorndyke

end of summer on the outside rocking chair a woolen shawl

Mirela Brailean, Romania

Martius moon another season of missiles and shredded blossom

wanda amos, Australia

change in season airing the doonas

wanda amos, Australia

end of winter a terrace laced with sun soaked quilts

Teji Sethi

tropical winter again my grey hopes become green

Wibert Slagardo

tainted by old time, confused trees half-red, half-green . . . new climate, new rhythms

Lance Esgard

autumn rain . . . the garden windchimes deepen my loneliness

Neena Singh, Chandigarh, India

Fresh green is going Hotter days drying out the ground Summer is coming

Lindsay Marshall

equinox moon—first day at my part time job

Steliana Cristina Voicu, Romania

rain snow or sun at the name on the stone he kneels in silence

Marta Chocilowsha, Poland

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