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I raked some winter leaves away  
Wind-banked against a rock  
And found them mixed among decay  
White-stemmed in winter shock.  
Exposed, a pauper's sun seeped through  
Where they were still asleep  
Frail and undressed in springtime blue  
I feared they would not keep.  
Quickly, I tucked their cover back  
Reset their hand of time  
Tiptoed away and left no track—  
Anxiety had been mine.

—Billy C. Clark

