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Autumn Inventory

Now in November
the leaves have turned
with the turning of the
heart, and the year's
inventory lies like
harvest in the field.

Autumn's
mellow sadness hangs
darkly over the worn
habit of my days,
calling me back to
things undone and the
ache of self-betrayal.

When I
see the fruit of
that fallow harvest,
I taste the bittersweet
of this lost time
and know it will not
come again, now in November.

—Joseph Harris

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