

Poetic Moments

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Yellow green leaf drops
Thin stalks, white bark, like slow rain
Still, no whisper

Light glances red maple leaves
Green intertwined with red
Not Christmas, just nature

Red maple on burnt coals
Dead yet still beautiful
A life after death?

Disbelief

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Doubting the diagnosis
she listened apprehensively
for the sounds
of marrow exploding
deep in her bones,
portending the disintegration
of her life.

Hearing nothing
and buoyed
by an infusion of packed cells
she insisted
that it was
a mistake.

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