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*by K. W. Striking*

When the green  
falls out with time,  
How like a man  
summer never was  
(but in the sweet green breath  
of steaming cornfields  
trapping an August evening  
while the simmer of crickets  
is electric in the grass)

Such moments in the mind  
our life; a damasked rose, still  
only a moment out of death.

When the green  
returns with time,  
How like a man  
winter never was  
(but in the epitaphs;  
footpaths a boy forged in snow  
so as to say I've been)



Untitled etching, by Joe Zapytowski