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Leaves

By WITTER BYNNER

Motion seldom carries peace,
Though peace can carry motion;
A cliff worn smooth gives small release
To the onset of ocean;
And yet there's a significance
Foretelling somehow good
When quiet leaves dilate and dance
To the wind in a wood.

Autumn Harbinger

By SPUD JOHNSON

Sleepily, this afternoon,
Alfalfa, clover, sage,
Mingled in my room
Like words upon a page . . .
But when the wind shifted
Over the garden wall,
Fragrance of wild plums drifted
Distinctly as a call.

Swing Little Winter Moon

By MAUD E. USCHOLD

Swing, little winter moon
From a hackberry tree;
Bleed on no brittle thorn
That glimmers icily.
Quicken your pulseless light
Through the infinite gloom,
Cover the earth with flame
White as dogwood bloom.