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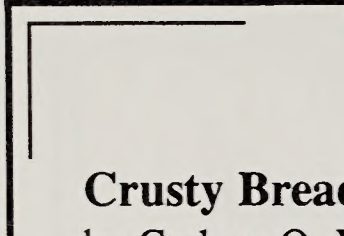
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## **Crusty Bread**

by Carleen O. Vandegrift

A hunk of crusty bread.  
Fingers gliding it through the sauce on my plate.  
No spaghetti - just sauce.  
Just fingers.  
Just a hunk of crusty bread.  
Just a succulent taste of heaven.

## **Autumn**

by Rob Vogt

The apathetic grass rests at its present height  
while trees and other plants are wonderfully out-of-sync  
in their attempt to shed the memories of summer,  
displaying faded brilliance.  
The air smells like stillness  
and the wind strikes a perfect balance  
between arid and raw.  
The sun exudes a comforting heat,  
emphasizing the flight of bugs darting frantically about,  
searching for a place to die.  
A plane thunders above--why would anyone  
want to travel away from autumn?  
The clouds seem higher today, not wanting to interfere  
with such invigorating complacency.  
The wood-pile tilts precariously, but  
exactly nothing hangs in the balance  
as nature waits for winter to occur.

