



## winter garden

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these lovers on the grass  
he lying, she whispering next to him  
about the greenness of life  
the granaries full of grain  
don't they see the vines curling above  
arteries emptying abruptly  
the dreadful arching of leaves  
all around them  
can't they hear the wind shrieking  
the clouds to a bitter autumn  
and know how soon at the window  
they, too, will howl when winter comes

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