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Mt. Auburn Cemetery

by Nancy Kassell

Enduring trees
and grounds are luxuriant this autumn
as they will be every season,
as if the dead deserve all the best
of this world after they leave it;
as if the living, charmed by nature's generosity
(the grandeur of a beech), should, reflecting,
grow more reconciled to mortality.

We are a deciduous race, destined
to shed out of time leaves,
to surrender obsolete selves.
Our hearts are pith, archives
of desire quick and quickening,
and you and I walk these shaded paths
holding hands, tendrils
of our late, regenerate love.



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