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I

Laughing pumpkins lift
their heads to flickering light,
burning candle wax.

II

A screaming plum falls,
a shadow crosses orchards
filled with leather trees.

III

Twisted stars painted
maize yellow swirl frantically
above sleepy towns.

IV

The rains of springtime
flash rainbows, stretch infinite
across fields of dew.

V

The hazy purple
snow tinted by blue skies soaks
in translucent sun.

VI

Insistent pounding,
a mid-afternoon concert—
raindrops on gutters.

VII

Crystal diamonds freeze
icy patterns on windows,
a sparkling maze.

—Jen Suster '97