## **Deep October Breeze**

... You trampled me ... ... You trampled me ... beneath the marching feet of the all-night dance party ... You trampled me ... ... You trampled me ... beneath the armies of chance opportunities, reminding me how much of "we" ... only lived in fantasy ... ... Never meant to be real ... ~ never meant to be ~ -- continued next page --

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. . . Never meant to be ideal . . .
     ~ never meant to be ~
           Still, I try
           to hold on
      ... to the smiles ...
        \sim to the way \sim
      ... I used to feel ...
           Still, I try
       ... to hold on ...
           ~ to try ~
     ... to make it heal ...
       I position my lips
         that the lungs
     ... might breathe ...
       I pound the chest
         that the heart
       ... might beat ...
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I wrap and warm the flesh
               that the wounds
              ... might heal ...
                ... I wrap and warm ...
              ... I wrap and warm ...
            ... I wrap and warm ...
           ... I wrap and warm ...
            ... I wrap and warm ...
              ... I wrap and warm ...
                ... I wrap and warm ...
    ... but the memories still bleed ...
           ~ the memories bleed ~
   ... the ease away from the dream ...
... the color away from the masterpiece ...
  ... the peace away from the serene ...
   ... the song away from the spring ...
               \dots the memories bleed \dots
             ... the memories bleed ...
          ... the memories bleed . . .
         . . . the memories bleed . . .
          . . . the memories bleed . . .
             ... the memories bleed ...
               ... the memories bleed ...
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until only
sentimental clippings
    ... tossed ...
   ... scattered ...
           a
           n
           d
      ...lost ...
   within the deep
   October breeze
represents everything
 ... that remains ...
 ~ everything left ~
 ... that remains ...
... of our artistry ...
... of our poetry ...
... of our galleries ...
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filled with
          t
          h
          e
       eager,
    youthful cheer
          0
   you-s and me-s,
       dancing
... within the days ...
       dancing
... within the days ...
          0
       naivete.
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