

Images of Autumn

Rustling of Autumn leaves,
under foot in wood and lane.

Leaves brown, red, yellow and russet,
whirling like fire sparks.

Wind howling, roaring, seeking
crannies round doors and windows.

The lone walker, hair tangled round reddened face,
hearing acorns and conkers falling
like hail stones to their leafy graves.

Squirrels, leaping, chattering, digging
their treasure into the loamy soil.

Bare, bony trees reaching for the sky,
silhouetted against the red orb of the dying sun.

Garden bonfires, peaty, essence of wood,
smoke curling to the darkening sky.

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