

When

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*Will You harass a driven leaf,  
Will You pursue dried-up straw . . .*  
—Job 13:25

when  
the sun  
no longer  
warms  
nourishes  
trees  
dry  
leaves  
wither  
crack  
fall  
pummeled  
under foot  
ground  
into  
earth  
to begin  
again  
i pray  
you do  
the same  
with  
the sins  
i leave  
behind  
and not  
with those  
i keep