

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