

Requiescat in pesto

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Needed: a ritual for clipping the last basil  
for the last batch of pesto  
for inhaling that final blast of slower days  
as the blender grinds  
like last rites for the summer

here in the middle of September  
something to comfort us  
amid this rigid schedule  
and the last ripe tomato  
lingering on the windowsill

something to remind us  
all this homework will come to an end