

Leaving

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*Be like a tree and let the dead leaves drop.* —Rumi

The maple, on this wild  
October day, lists each leaf  
as it leaves. Each one,  
perfectly formed in spring  
like a green, newborn baby,  
is now an old man,  
a wrinkled woman.  
To say *Fall* is to tell truth.