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# Afternoon

(A Warm Breeze in Late October)

Indian summer goldenrod-

    Fallen leaves etched yellow on the ground,  
Reflect blue sky, unlike a mirror,  
But a kindred spirit

While over cracks in the sidewalk

    Waltzes the wind, yet  
Too soft to stir  
Carelessly tossed yesterday's newspaper

People, playing, run past

    Singing girls,  
Paintings neatly arrayed against  
Sunset mountains-

But you, you are a limbo,

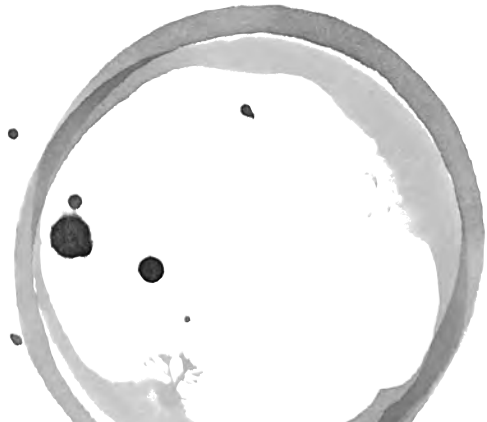
    Your prayer for the departed  
Unable to save me

From you- more fall colors

Flow, and by the chime of the  
    Tower, and drone of the high-distant airplane  
you are out of reach

of

Indian  
Golden  
Summer  
rod  
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