

Poetry

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Red maples trumpet their glorious song.
Yellow-poplars join the duet
As leaves scudding across pavement
Provide percussive accompaniment.

Beech and bitternut hickory
Drop nuts, drumming the forest floor.
Slippery elm and American holly
Dance to their own polka.

Black tupelo's scarlet tune
Warbles among lofty walnuts.
Hickory and red oak blend
With sycamore's violin libretto.

Mother Nature's autumn chorus
Rolls across the Appalachians,
Its mystical music
A seasonal symphony.