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autumn

the season between summer and winter extending from the September equinox to the December solstice



Autumn: A Spiritual Biography of the Season



by Gary Schmidt and Susan M. Felch of the English department here at Calvin with illustrations by Caldecott Award winner Mary Azarian.

This book was published in 2004 and is composed of writings by three dozen nature writers, poets, essayists, gardeners, and politicians from across the centuries and throughout North America.

Gary and Susan consider Autumn as a time of change, endings, work, harvest, and Thanksgiving.

Quiet minds cannot be perplexed or frightened but go on in fortune or misfortune at their own private pace, like a clock during a thunderstorm.

Robert Louis Stevenson



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AUTUMN MUSING a poem by Marie T. Copp

Strange poignancy of autumn haze Upon the distant hills, Strange draught within the bronzen cup The autumn sunlight fills, Strange, strange, the circling charm of life Alternate stirs and stills.