

# The Arrival

## Skepticism

Arrived autumn  
With a visit uninvited  
And by chill slowly growing  
With a lesson fully dreadful  
And by message all displeasing

Then arrived autumn  
With a growing understanding  
And by vision slowly clearing  
With belief calmly growing  
And by readiness to embrace

Then arrived autumn  
With unpleasant companion  
And with frost overwhelming  
With a lack of will to stand still  
And with a movement backwards drawing

Then arrived Autumn  
Not the light of spring to follow  
Nor a summer nor a winter  
With autumn tints the forest glowing  
And with leaves newly falling

Then arrived  
I to visit uninvited  
With a message to me ageless  
Carrying the understanding  
Year of autumns one to embrace