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The leaves fall, fall as though from far away,  
as though withered in the distant heaven's garden;  
they fall with gestures of denial.

**Autumn**

*by Rainer Maria Rilke*

And in the nights the heavy earth falls  
from all the stars into loneliness.

We all fall. This hand falls.  
And look at the others: it is in all of them.

And yet there is one, who holds this falling  
with infinite softness in his hands.

