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Even April showers
cannot drown
the frosty smile
of this summer girl.

Lightning flashes,
illumination starry eyes
that see only
the beauty of red leaves
stained
by the spilled pain
of simple youth.

Careless thundering
gashed fissures
into the hearts of
soft lovers.

Rough winds
blow truth
high above the naked trees,
leaving liars
unexposed behind dry bark.

Dark clouds
throw shade
on the pretty people
who expect the worst.

Flurrying snow
blinds us
from our own thoughts.

The scalding sun
distracts us
from the shattering of leaves
beneath our disparaging feet.

we are lost—no matter the season.

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of this summer girl.