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In summer, the field  
listens to the children  
giggle milkweed glue  
to tangle hair;  
their hands sticky-white.

Dry autumn grass  
cracks with whispers  
as children run through  
the woods, arms full of  
brown and gold strawflowers.

In winter, the field  
listens to wind settling  
the snow in blue-white shadows.  
The frozen ground waits  
the return of spring and children

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