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leaves us with nothing.  
The kitchen sink  
now a stream.  
What was once ours  
is now taken away  
but replaced  
with something different.  
A carpet of moss,  
a fallen tree.  
We lie asleep  
in the soil.

The burning of our house  
brings us to know  
the dew  
that collects on our faces  
and on the flowers.  
We get to know each leaf.

As we look up  
we see a bowl of leaves  
that fall away  
to reveal a secret sky,  
later to be covered  
by the first snow  
with soft lines of white.  
Six months is a long time.

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