November







The fruit is picked, the trees are bare; afternoons draw down their blinds. Light seeps across a sepia air. Days are resigned.

The swallows flown to southern shores; high above a skein of geese.
Mice make a nest under the floor.
Days find release.

The fog hangs thick; a night owl hoots. Children's tunes make ghosts of grey. Puddles are deep with muddy boots. Days lose their way.

The rains lash down, the branches groan; under eaves the gutters spout.

Dead leaves are heaped where they were blown.

Days swept about.

The curtains drawn, the fire glows; time for books and thinking minds. Warm spreads, and eyelids slowly close. Days left behind.