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After Our Brief Sojourn

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It doesn't make news
When in a dense dark forest
A dry leaf flickers in the air
Comes off the twig
Whirling down in its last frantic dance
Descend to dust.
Nor is it news
When from the dark clouds
A drop comes down wafting in the air
And falls into the roaring sea
Lost in oblivion
Leaving behind no name or fame.

Who is going to note
When a dust particle
Flying from the mountain peak
Waving and steering its path
Comes down to the valley
And merges in the soil.
None will notice the grain
When from the corn field below
Couched in the beak of a sparrow
It travels from tree to tree
And from the beak it reaches the bird's guts.

After Our Brief Sojourn

None will notice you or me

When after our brief sojourn

We cease to be.