Autumn by Karen Harris, poet 10/11/22

As I steal a few moments of air Breathing in the freshness knowing full well God is near. So close I can feel God's breath in my space. No need for a healing with Trust innate. My beingness is taking in another breath.

Finches and pigeons, robins and starlings Fly off their branches to greet me as I feed them; Now seeds scattered, any angst felt is lifted.

Autumn leaves just born pass wavering, waving fluttering downward

To their demise. I peer at them seeing how they lay so dry and flat

In tiers. In tears I grieve as my meditation on Autumn comes to an end.

Yet I cry with joy; memories of them green now multi-colored "Autumn"... a song one recognizes as their beauty instantly,

Quietly yellow-orange, copper-sienna, brown-reds Create a shared leaf.

All these magnificent leaves - everyone of them I now celebrate.