

Two poems by Bobbie Jo Morrell

*Leaf*

Autumn breeze  
sighs to me  
with a cool caress  
"Come away--  
leap and laugh  
and dance with me!"  
Lifted lightly  
above the trees  
I am caught  
in swirling joy.

*Echo Lake*

Tiny blue flames  
flicker  
as chill wind  
dances  
in out around  
whispering mysteries  
in the corners  
lurking shadows  
rattle leaves  
crunch on snow  
    claw and fang  
        of fear

Over all  
just out of reach  
moon's face haunts  
washing mountain in  
silver black glory  
while heavenly lanterns  
dance  
behind shifting veils  
    of cloud

Reach up  
touch the shrouded sky  
swim in pearly light  
amongst the shadows  
join stars  
in heavenly song  
brave claw and fang  
    to drink  
        the life-water of the moon

Dance  
    tiny flames  
        dance