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## CRUNCHING

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Hold your hands as if we are going to start a prayer,

Close your eyes to feel that fear.

Crunching

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The crunching is the sound when leaves fall down.

I have stolen the idea

Yes, the idea and maybe the emotion,

But it is done with full devotion.

The idea of isolation,

The emotion of misery.

Yes, I have copied these from each one of you.

Maybe our dignitaries, my principal

My teachers or the girl wearing green.

Shhhh...!!!!

What he utters

Can you listen?

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The one in grief,  
  
Is my green leaf.  
  
Because I am glad  
  
Glad that he has chosen me,  
  
To tell what he feels.  
  
And I guarantee,  
  
You will not disagree.  
  
Let's pray ;  
  
Let's pray,  
  
That we can hear what he actually says.  
  
Don't let me fall...!!  
  
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That greenery carpeted floor is no more green  
  
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I will be crushed  
  
I will be crushed under some people who are mean  
  
They are just not me to speak  
  
May be because I don't have the sparrow's beak  
  
Was I not producing the food?  
  
Or was I rude?  
  
The nursery man was watering by degrees,  
  
Along with the pleasant breeze.

It is coming from top to bottom

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Yes, it is the season of Autumn

This humid weather is going and taking me along,

Along; along ;

But I will still sing that monsoon song.

That newly crystal sky is laughing at me,

But this is all wanted by that almighty.

Enchanting the old saying I was falling over.

That My,

My Mother tree will always cover ;

Cover those beings.

But they were always disagreeing,

Disagreeing to look after me and my mother,

Along with the mango tree which is a little farther.

I had joined my other fellow being,

Down here waiting for new ones to meet

Oh, my mother tree,

Thank you, for nourishing me !

Now it's time,

Now it's time for the new ones to arrive.

Say my Hello...!! To them

From your leaf who will be now in heaven.

**This poem**

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