

FALL, LEAVES, FALL

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Instructions: Read the poem and answer the questions.

Fall, leaves, fall; die, flowers, away;
Lengthen night and shorten day;
Every leaf speaks bliss to me,
Fluttering from the autumn tree.
I shall smile when wreaths of snow
Blossom where the rose should grow;
I shall sing when night's decay
Ushers in a drearier day.

1

What does the word "fluttering" mean in the context of the poem? How does it describe the movement of the leaves?

2

What seasons are being described in the poem? How can you tell?

3

How does the poet feel about the falling leaves and the arrival of snow? Does she seem happy or sad about it?