

# sonnet: on his blindness to autumn

*Marden J. Clark*

i too consider how my days are spent  
and fret but little when like autumn's bright  
orange maples they fade and fall. my sight  
is good enough to burn those maples, scent

and color, on my brain so deep a thousand  
sonnets ought to issue forth unbid  
but my shy talent has only life to hide  
itself so deep in folds that i can drowse

eye-deep in shades of orange from yesterday,  
i wind again with wife and friends the Squaw  
Peak Road and test our oohs against their aahs  
around each hairpin turn as autumn plays

its brightest prelude to winter and death  
we gasp and know again the life of breath

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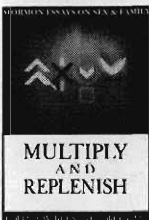
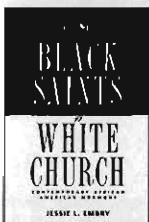
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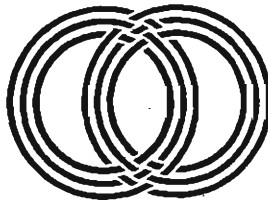
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