



Chhayankan (Visual Art)

The art of dying

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I am wandering
through the woods where
a thousand leaves
beckon me.

Their murmuring
is clamorous and compelling
in the ripples of the
evening breeze.

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They're hollowed out
I'm saddened to see;
yet, they resolutely flutter
and stave off my melancholy.

Though broken,
the leaves are full of zest;
there are no words but
I can hear what they say.

“Nameless events
fissured us,
but it's beautifying that
we won't die on the ground.

Remaining, instead, forever
one with mother nature,
contributing to new lives
that give meaning to our's.”

If the art of receiving
is the art of living;
then the art of giving
is the art of dying.
