

Ambition

To reach an age when things
fall away unneeded,
as spent petals on a flower,
as fall leaves from the tree,
as skins of summer snakes.
When Socrates passed the market stalls
he noted, “What a lot
of things I don’t need.”
Ah! that’s what I mean.

—Naomi Beth Wakan

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