<u>September</u>

Greetings to the ghost den

Of a new Dawn,

She has not yet come. She is in waiting.

The world within my reach is

Impregnable, postponed.

A shivering stone factory choking

Up the sky and the hearth and my throat, with First kisses:

Chilled air and pumpkin spice latte scalding teeth to tongue

as leaves turn over

Like the yellowed pages of ancient texts

Hidden in the woodlands.

The oaks and evergreen sag as I cross beneath them

or perhaps they bow

Forever humbled, forever

Following me home on my long walks to the comfort of a warm room and cold floor.

As I sit and think and drink, the pen in my hand smooth as the cloudless sky,

I measure the madness in my heart,

The thump of my finger to the page

By nature's pulse.

Together we are a drowsy pair. In no hurry to come or go, to live or die.

This might be the only time

we are ever truly still.