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**POEM**    *by Ofelia Limcaco*

*Season*

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When I think of the tragedy of living within the flesh,  
I suffer a vision of Time's purple grapes  
Until all my veins' blood is aging vintage on the vine,  
O lovely earthen jug.

2

Lord, when I deny what worm lurks under every node  
And crow's wing in the shade of green leaves,  
When I feel only the smugness  
Of each leaf enfolding another leaf,  
  
Then ungrape me one by one.