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Pet Disposal

Many people keep pets,
dogs, cats, exotics,
and easily tire
of the maintenance,
walks, food, Vet visits,
constant demands.

Birds, the easiest pets
to get rid of.

Open the window,
dump them out,
shut the window,
watch them fly away,
neither fast, nor far,
lacking energy,
endurance
after life in a cage.

Then not finding
the food and water dish,
unable to stand the cold,
silently fold their wings,
die, unnoticed
by the passersby,
brief flutter of freedom
quickly ended.

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Fragile Life

Butterflies need forests,
open areas in the woods,
grass, bushes, trees
to go about butterfly business.
When concrete prevails
nourishment departs
and we are deprived
of elegant flutterers
giving moments of beauty,
easily forgotten.

Seasonal Shift

Summer is almost over.
The hot sun begins to move away
and a pre-chill creeps into my bones,
reminding me to take out sweaters,
put on more garments to stay warm,
expectation of another summer
uncertain.