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## LIFE

by Misty Woods

Little baby leaf, green and new  
Coming into the world with millions of others  
Warm sunshine gently urging the little leaf to grow  
New life, so happy and joyous you are  
Sweet little leaf still growing strong  
Sun still gentle as a robin makes her nest  
Little leaf reaching up for joy.  
Still young, Still new.  
Green leaf, young you are no more  
Proudly taking care of your mother tree  
The sun grows harsher as the days grow longer  
Still you stand tall with your siblings.  
Old leaf, your time has come  
Cold winds raise from the north  
Tugged and pulled but still you are stubborn  
Finally, as death slowly comes, you fall into the oblivion.

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