## **Cycles**

For one brief moment

In this world of hours,

I seized the rainbow spray

Of a breaking wave.

Ignorant of fall,

I held spring in my heart,

And vibrated with the purr of a newborn kitten.

But the wave crashed to the shore,

And the red petals browned in my hand.

I know now cycles can't be broken,

And my kitten will not be so forever.

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