I am quite like those few green leaves
That in April fall,
Deprived of ever having known
Any spring at all.

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The woods are quiet now, and gone
Are leaves of copper-gold;
The hillside rises to the wind
Though shaking trees are cold.

For now it is no longer fall
And rushing breezes blow,
And sad are trees and hillside, having
Neither leaves nor snow.

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I would like to see the woods
Filled with snow this year,
Icy hemlocks standing tall,
Silent and austere,

Frosty wind and pungent air,
Everything quite still,
And the river sleeping there
Down the frozen hill.