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by Darlene Giblett

My granddaughter picked up a crumpled autumn leaf,
Its edges surrounded with the brown decay,
Bronze dotted with rust,
And in the middle, vivid scarlet
Woven and intertwined with green.

“Look Grandma,” she said.
“The leaf is beautiful like your hair
With all its different colors—
Here, you can have it—it’s a present.”
Smiling, we proudly put the leaf in a crystal vase upon the mantle.
I went to the salon and dyed my hair a vibrant red.

