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by *George L. Hoffman*

Greet fair September in green and amber,
 The gentled flame from August's ember!
 Her flaxen hair cascades down
 To enhance a variegated gown
 Of rusty green that fades to brown
 As her flame grows dimmer.

Behold October, sedate and sober!
 Fashion designers vie to robe her
 In brocaded silks with colors bold—
 Pink and scarlet, rust and gold
 That will give scant warmth against the cold
 When she is older!

Now comes November, gray-faced and
 somber,
 Of three sisters, the homely member;
 She wears a dress of tattered leaves,
 And with bony arms in holey sleeves
 She seeks out shelter on wintry eves
 In the naked timber.

Sisters three and I must confess
 Each seems to wear an appropriate dress! ■

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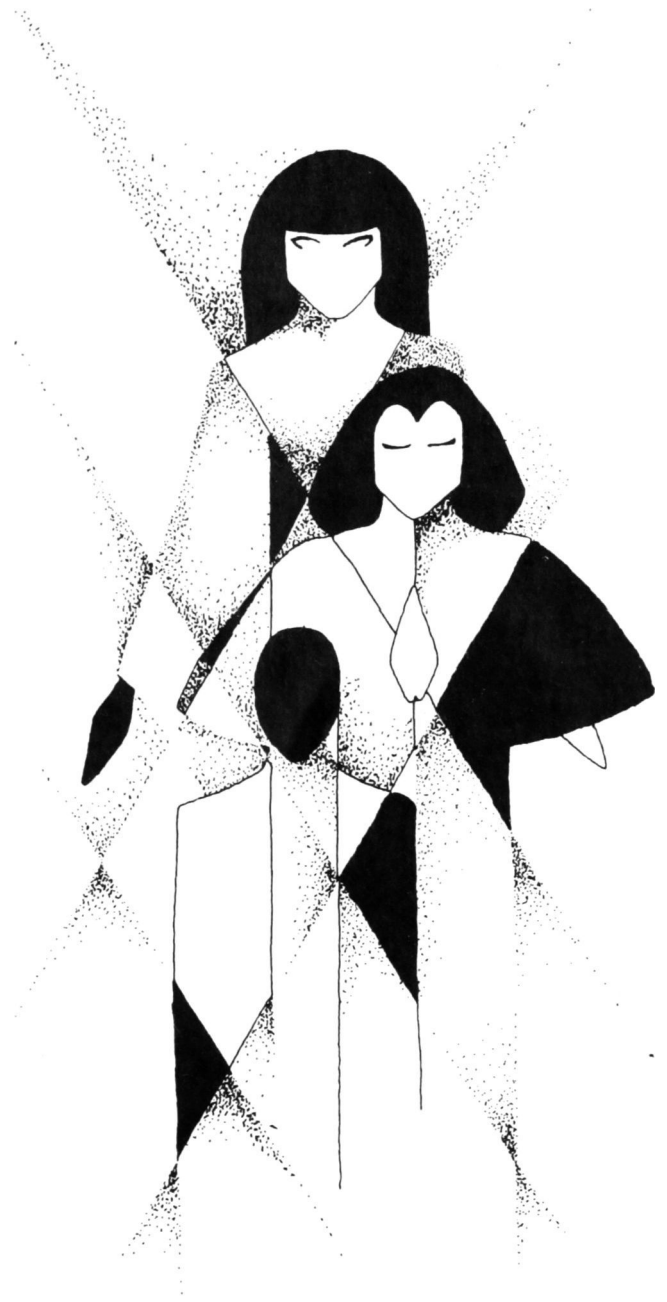


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