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HISTORY

a timeless room near Hinton

Red Rock Canyon

By Marj Bennett McAlister

In this red rock room
lichens paper thirty-foot walls
red floors sport green carpets
now beginning to fade
trees, half-clad from first frost
decorate floors and walls.
Wrap-around sunshine beams
from sapphire sky-ceiling:
Red Rock Canyon, timeless room.

Peace accented by gently moving leaves
red boulders rest the eye
quietness soothes the ear
clear crisp air attends
autumn at its best —
halcyon days before
winter's white decor.

Balm to urban-tired visitor:
exhilarating, poignant, transient
enveloped by euphoria:
Red Rock Canyon, timeless room.

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