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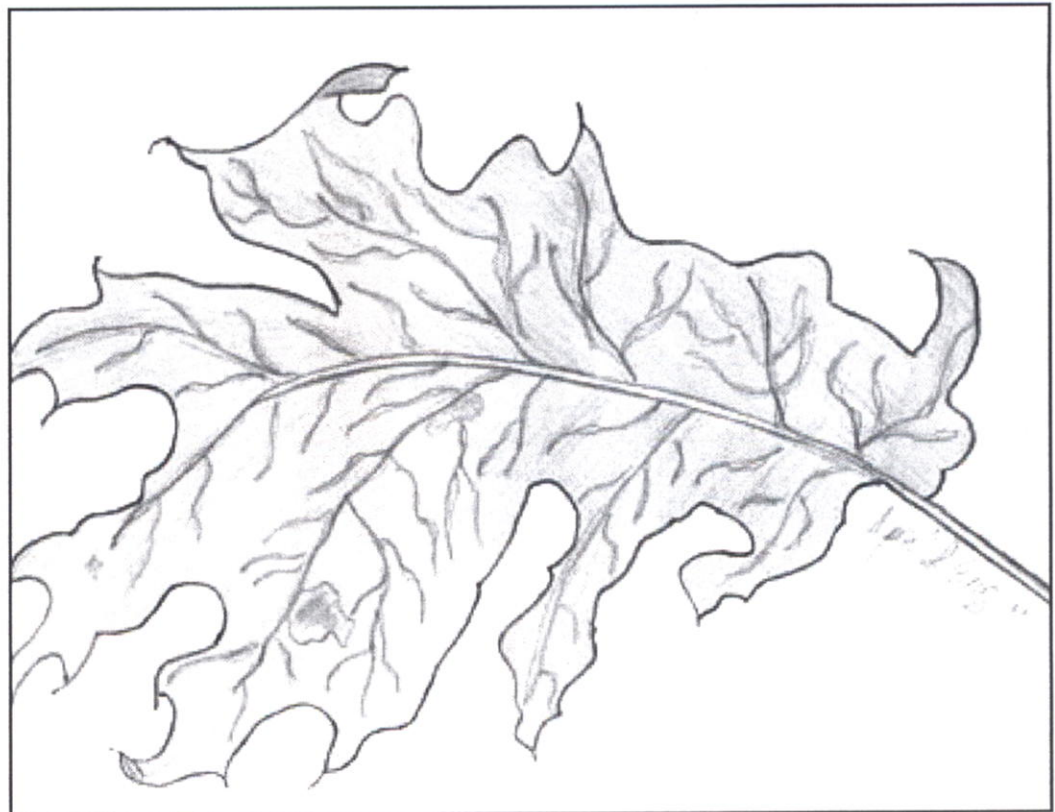
## RISING FROM THE ASHES

When I look up  
I see the storm...  
Swirling grey;  
Releasing its low,  
Quiet rumble  
Again and again  
That forces a cower  
From all living things  
And from it leaps  
Chaotic lines of  
Purple, blue, green:  
Flashes that seem like  
The visual equivalent  
Of a gunshot to the head

And yet  
I know that,  
Beyond the grey  
Lies the blue.  
And if I could only  
Rise from the ashes  
That have been burying me  
For so long,  
I'll be able to  
*Live*  
Again.  
And I know that,  
If I'm able to  
Weather the storm  
Then maybe  
I'll be able to  
*Feel*  
Again.  
And I won't have to  
Spend my life  
Preparing to quiver

And I feel the rising  
Levitating  
Those things that are more powerful  
Than gravity  
And fear:  
The will;  
The desire;  
The *need*,  
And the power of the mind  
To overcome  
Even the most horrifying  
Of life's experiences.

And I rise toward the clouds...



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