

To Autumn

-William Blake

O Autumn, laden with fruit, and stained
With the blood of the grape, pass not, but sit
Beneath my shady roof; there thou may'st rest,
And tune thy jolly voice to my fresh pipe,
And all the daughters of the year shall dance!
Sing now the lusty song of fruits and flowers

The author is addressing Autumn who is loaded with fruit and the sentence "stained with....grape" is a reference to wine. The poet is asking Autumn to stay for a while so that Autumn can spread his love to nature. Because with the touch of Autumn all fruits, flowers and trees will become matured and they will sing and dance with joy.

The narrow bud opens her beauties to
The sun, and love runs in her thrilling veins;
Blossoms hang round the brows of morning and
Flourish down the bright cheek of modest eve,
Till clust'ring Summer breaks forth into singing,
And feathered clouds strew flowers round her head.

In autumn, the small buds of the trees and flowers become fully grown into a matured leaf or flower. Through these beautiful flowers or leaves, the autumn can spread love in nature. Flower blossom can be seen in the morning and in the evening the flowers become flourish down. The evening is called as modest because at that time the temperature becomes low. Here the poet is personifying the clouds who have feathers and the feathered clouds scatter the flowers in the surroundings.

'The spirits of the air live on the smells
Of fruit; and joy, with pinions light, roves round
The gardens, or sits singing in the trees'.
Thus sang the jolly Autumn as he sat,

These rose, girded himself, and o'er the bleak

Hills fled from our sight; but left his golden load.

Here the poet says we can feel the spirit of autumn when we get the smells of ripe fruits, the songs sung by the birds when they rove around in the gardens or when they use to sit in the trees. This is how Autumn decorates the nature with his presence and touch. The Autumn beautifies himself with beautiful flowers like roses. The Autumn makes the nature matured and colours the nature which looks like golden. So leaving the golden effect the Autumn leave the nature and goes to the kill which is lacking in vegetation and charm.