Anniversary

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Fall and all attendant memories
Crowd the day with unrelated histories
Each year leaves its unresolving fantasiesTo hang around each corner
Hang around each streetThick with ghosts, the wind whips round in circuitries
Carrying words as strangers exchange pleasantries
Do they intrude upon your private reveriesAs they meet you on each corner
They meet you on each streetWatch for daily braveries
Notice newfound courtesies
Finger sudden legaciesAs they clean up every corner
Wash down every streetMark the month and all its anniversaries
Put away the draft of all your eulogies
Clear the way for all your private memoriesAs they meet you on each corner
They meet you on each street
Make the time for all your possibilities
They live on every street

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