Pressed Leaves at Morningstar
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Morningstar is a spirituality retreat for women in northern Michigan.

Parchment thin skin, veins visible, 
you press together in decay. 
Your skin 
forms a new pattern, 
more elemental -- a wasp-nest skin 
as each distinct leaf -- oak, elm, beech -- 
bleeds into the other, becoming earth, 
reminding me of my cheek pressing 
into my mother's, pressing 
into my grandmother's, 
as my daughter's presses into mine, 
becoming Woman.

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