



*Autumn Shower*  
Cades Cove - Eastern Tennessee  
Photo by Dan Hardison

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And so it begins, gentle but steady,  
the soft patter of an autumn shower.

As the raindrops begin to fall,  
brightly colored leaves begin to fall

bringing freshness to the air  
and stillness all around.

As if the world was being cleansed,  
so that life can begin again.