

## Deeper Colours

Scientists tell us the pulsing green  
that powers the trees in summer woods  
overshadows deeper colors  
that saturate the leaves:  
the radiant scarlets, triumphant yellows,  
fiery oranges, aged burgundies  
and midnight purples.  
All these have been there  
from the beginning,  
unseen and silent,  
awaiting their season  
and the slow fading of the green.

And we, too, a forest of faces  
Wear our summer green to  
navigate our days.  
What hues lie deeper,  
biding the turn of the sun?  
What colors lie in wait  
to blaze forth in this world?

--Eric Baylin