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October Joys

AS I write this a cool breeze is coming through my south window, the first signs of fall are showing in fields and gardens. Yellow leaves are drifting softly across the lawn, and I am reminded that autumn is here. When you read this you will be busy with schoolwork and the activities that come with fall days—the last few swims of the season, picnic and nutting parties, and plans for Halloween.

October brings so many joys that it is hard to count them all. I never can agree with the poets who speak of October days as melancholy. To me there is nothing sad about the falling of the leaves or the flight of the birds to the southland. With the dropping of their leaves the trees begin their rest period, their time of renewal, of preparation for another year's growth. The leaves too are about their heavenly Father's business of making of themselves warm blankets to tuck the flowers away in their winter bed and prepare the soil for next year's green growing things.

There is nothing saddening about the flight of birds. Surely they too have earned their rest period in the southland after all the work of raising their families. What a lot we have learned from them about the joys of service! Why, the little wrens that nested in the box by the porch this summer fairly burst themselves with song as they flitted back and forth feeding their babies. They have gone south now and so have the catbirds, orioles, and robins. Soon the blackbirds too will be leaving. Our summer birds all take the long journey southward, but the same loving Father who cared for them during the summer takes care of them on their flight.

You have enjoyed your restful vacation days and are ready now for all the joys of work and play that October brings. The same loving Father that cared for you through your happy vacation time is watching over you now, giving you the strength and courage, the wisdom and understanding to do all that is asked of you at home and at school. He gives the birds their songs and he puts a song in your heart too.

Jane Palmer
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