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"**Reflections on the water** like shadows in my mind, Speak to me of passing days and nights and passing time. The falling leaves are whispering winter's on its way, I close my eyes remembering the warmth of yesterday"...**Our family** reunion/Oktoberfest was yesterday, so please bear with me. The beer was flowing freely, and the food was plentiful as usual. The result is the newsletter is proving more of a struggle than usual... **Hard to believe** it's been 6 months since those first seeds were planted. Yet here we are, almost October and little by little the garden is shutting down. As with most years it was good for some things, not so much for others. But between the freezer and the pantry we won't starve this winter. OK, so there really wasn't much chance of that happening...**So relish those ripe** tomatoes while you can. We'll be stuck with the facsimiles the stores offer soon enough. And to hasten ripening those still on the vine, stop watering... **Don't forget to dry** those garden onions in the sun for a while before storing... **Time to cut back** on the lawn water too. The grass needs to begin preparing for the dormancy ahead... **Aerating is also** a good way to prepare it. I'll be setting aside one day a week for it the rest of the way, so give me a call... "**In the jungle, the mighty jungle, The lion sleeps tonight.**" Seems like every month something significant occurs

right **AFTER** I send out the newsletter. (Makes me appreciate those who do this for a living). I had no sooner mailed the last August statement when the news broke of the death of the lion of the Senate, **Edward Kennedy**. The end of an era really. Those my age never knew a time without a Kennedy serving in government....**Yes, last month's answer** was Julia Child. And the winner? **Melodie Rosendale**. Bon appetit... **We lost another good** one this month--**Mary Travers**. She was one third of a certain famous trio called____, the name of which will get you into this month's drawing...**So you're on your** way to or from Fort Collins, and are looking for a place for breakfast or lunch? **Wally's** is as good as they come. They're amidst the flea markets along South College where the Spanish Manor once was... **Did you hear** about the hen who won a literary award? ... Yes, it was a pullet surprise. Say it fast... **Yes, how about those** Rockies. Still in the thick of it with only six games left. And that is all I'm saying to avoid jinxing them... **Our fall colors pale** in comparison to those back east, but they can be marvelous all the same. And they should be peaking right about now. Don't miss them... **What's the difference between** Swine Flu and Bird Flu? With Bird Flu you need 'tweetment', and with Swine Flu you need 'oinkment'. As I said, this was a struggle...

It seems a shame to see September swallowed by the wind,

And more than that its oh so sad to see the summer end. And though the changing colors are a lovely thing to see, If it were mine to make the change I'd let it be. But I don't remember hearing anybody asking me.