

Autumn

Background: I've come across women named after months like April, May, June, Julie and even the season of Summer. I've always thought Autumn would be a nice name for a women, but I never met one. Then, at a recent restaurant stop coming back from a basketball tournament, we had a waitress named Autumn. The song went from there. The song is mostly fictional besides the name and a bit of her appearance, but I like where it landed.

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Verse

The waitress's name was Autumn
I think she was of mixed race
She wasn't a classic beauty
But she had a really kind face

Her cheeks were freckled doll-like
A ring pierced through her nose
Tattoos adorned her arms
One was of a crying rose

Chorus

Her momma called her Autumn
'Cuz she was born November 9
When the leaves are their most beautiful
Even though they all are dyin'
They proudly show their colors
Before they make their final fall
You gotta take a leap of faith sometimes
Just to get through it all

Verse

She told me about her 3 kids
How her old man left 'em high and dry
She ain't heard from him in years
Too busy out getting high

He ain't providing a dollar
Not an ounce of help at home
She's stuck here working two jobs
And probably will forever more

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Bridge

Autumn is summer's encore
Before winter's chill arrives
Every Autumn signals change
And only change survives
Every Autumn reminds us
How fragile our lives are
The leaves show so much pride
Before they make their final fall

Verse

Summer's trees are filled with leaves
For months we enjoy their shade
Then at Autumn's end once again
We rake them all away

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