**For Isaac Newton from Me**

**Regarding the Second Law of Motion:**

**Apples should be plucked from trees when they are ripe**

**And what do you want to fall except the rain**

**when it is gentle?**

**Or snowflakes that form a soft down**

**The paralytic did not fall; he was tied at the top**

**Acorns and pine cones fall in the autumn**

**And can be picked up or left to grow with help**

**Let toddlers fall on soft ground if they must**

**And learn to stand with a helping hand**

**Trees do fall**

**I have picked leaves from trees and let them drop**

**without watching them fall**

**And God knew them well, but I did not**

**The paralytic did not fall**

**Though the beams were made from trees**