FIELD NOTES FOR SEPTEMBER

a month of writing for the ones you walked with and the ones you must walk without

a writing ritual by thistle & thread press

- 1. What did you gather in greater abundance than expected?
- 2. sun-warmed table | ripe fig skin | soft wheat in your shoes
- 3. What sweetness arrived after you'd nearly given up on it?
- 4. wine on linen | laughter in the dust | the plum that split too soon
- 5. What did you carry all summer that you're finally ready to set down?
- 6. porchlight gold | thick with cicadas | your name said gently
- 7. What moment of fullness still lives in your body?
- 8. starless night sky | someone's quiet hand | sky full of swallows
- 9. What did you forget to savor, and how do you remember it now?
- 10. end of the season | the ache of a good day | feelings in a cracked jar
 - 11. What did you want to last just a little longer?
- 12. half-wilted bouquet | borrowed sweater | silence from a once-familiar voice
- 13. What beauty slipped away while you were busy preparing?
- 14. unopened letter | bruised pear | the soft thud of something falling
- 15. What no longer fits but you still hesitate to discard?
- 16. fog on the glass | the gate left unlatched | half-moon over bare fields
 - 17. What is beginning to leave you, and are you

letting it?

- 18. porch swept clean | last sun-warm rock | undone button
- 19. What did this season teach you through absence?
- 20. the sound of keys not turning | threads at your hem | candle gone cold
 - 21. What are you only now starting to mourn?
- 22. What part of you faces the light, and which part turns away?
- 23. What must be put to rest before the cold takes hold?
- 24. wind through the shutters | the sound your coat makes | last tomato on the vine
- 25. What quiet things have you neglected to honor?
- 26. hands in wool | dried mint stalks | drawer of unspoken things
 - 27. What will you carry into the darker season?
- 28. dimmed hearth | bread gone hard | scent of cedar on old pages
- 29. What part of you still resists the slowing down?
- 30. rusted trowel | velvet dark | the hush before the veil thins

Field Notes - Final Entry

write to the version of you who began this calendar

