

 **Autumn: Poems, Songs, Prayers** printed in 2001 by Reader's Digest Children's Books is a sweet little book praising God for His wondrous creation. It begins with a poem by E. Rutter Leatham: "Thank you for the world so sweet. Thank you for the food we eat. Thank you for the birds that sing, Thank you, God for everything." This is followed by a poem by Matthias Claudius: "We plow the fields, and scatter the good seed on the land, but it is fed and watered, by God's almighty hand. We thank Thee, then, O Father, for all things bright and good, The seed time and the harvest, Our life, our health, our food." The book's cover is especially clever with its see-through window, filled with movable falling leaves, to the opening page that depicts children raking leaves as they fall. This is a very simple book, but one in which my twelve-year-old still brings out for me to read to him each fall.