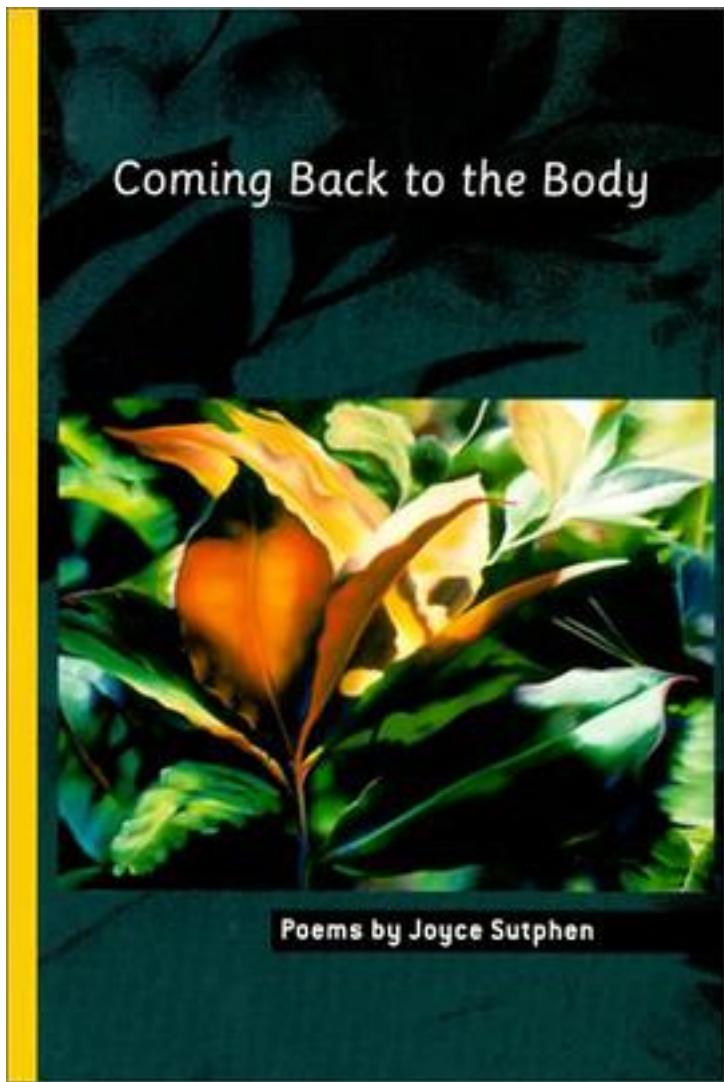


# Coming Back to the Body



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Photosynthesis  
Morning falls out of its orbit and swims up through the blue.  
Last night, when I heard the news, I forgot my human hunger.  
Now I am making calculations with a row of ivy and old hibiscus.  
I am silent as a shadow in the ferns, I am frond green and curled.  
It may be necessary to drink through the roots; I could eat sunlight and air, start a green factory in each finger; I could make each arm a branch.  
Let me begin as stem and leaf. I'll make something you can breathe.

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