

STEPHANIE POLIZZI

HOME

Paint crumbles from the
edges of pale blue shutters
Fallen leaves stack up
in the gutters and
block rainwater from flowing
Raindrops pitter-patter
as they sprinkle the crumbling
pavement with silk
Bricks mount the façade
to protect.

Cracks in the windows, like roadways,
travel in all directions
Vacant webs hang in corners
killing prey for no purpose.

A bird's nest is nestled
in the blackened chimney stack
where the smoke
no longer flows.

The lawn is overgrown in places
and spotted with muddy puddles
The brightness of the sun-kissed flowers has faded
The stems fold over.