

# Flower Haiku

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September comes  
a gypsy moth  
in the sweet clematis

toadflax  
glittering by the highway underpass  
syringes

goldenrod and pokeberry  
a door opens  
to the next world

aster  
risk

first heat dancing in the scent of stolen lilacs

mariposa  
I slip  
into Erewhon

last St. John's flower  
it begins  
with putting on the mask

bowing  
into the wave  
spatterdock

Titawin  
the last chrysanthemums  
in the first frost