

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 Erehwon

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