

A Gust of Wind

I water the garden with
Grandma's old tea kettle,
pouring water from the spout
into the last pale roses;
I crunch rust leaves, which collect
around my gumboots.



Grey clouds gather, and it rains
in Grandma's cooling garden;
plants become cups of water
as the rain tinkles on leaves
like a pianist tapping
the ivory keys.



One, two, then a chorus of
flowers, singing the same song:
that summer is nearly here,
as the daffodils, pansies, and
tulips bloom and tūi
flit through branches.



When the hedges around us
are full of buzzing, winged things,
Grandad puts on his oldest clothes
and mows the lawns, while dandelion
seeds on a gust of wind sail
over the garden and off.

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