

Recomposition

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Blossoms curl, stems recoil.

Plants contract into seeds and float away on the wind's breath.

Bones push up from the ground and knit together.

Hair roots itself in follicles.

Beetles exhale leather and ligaments.

Birds embroider flesh to bone.

Parchment skin swells to become black cream, green marble.

Hidden culverts suck fluid and bloom viscera.

The smell of cheese, the fur of mould.

Eyeballs tuck into sockets.

Flies become maggots, become eggs, become flies.

The body sighs, and sighs, and sighs.

Muscles seize then slacken.

Corneal clouds clear.

Birth rattle.

Breath.