

# february flower is not for love

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The horticulturist says February is for flower  
Not for love, so I go into the field  
In search of plant I once dreamt of  
Until I find it, and touch and burn and soften  
under the fire pump of its flamy fingers,  
And not a metal can hold  
The frame of this body I call mine.  
February is for ballad not for lullabies  
She says, and so I go into the street  
Listening to the podcast of lovers singing  
Ballads to their men, giving them lilies as their eyes  
Dilate and there is enough road to go into  
Darkness of desire towards a place I call home.  
Even as I know much of what is called  
Plantery beauty is a world wearing carbon make up,  
Yet I learn a love poem with flowers in it is half-successful,  
An earth with a flower still has breath.

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