

# 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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