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## THE FLOWER AND THE BEE

She's a naive flower,  
whiter than a lily,  
in fields of man's unkind forces.

Opening her fleshy petals,  
wide to the bee's fervent tongue.

And many men covet her nectar,  
vainly leaping to sap her himself.

Till her pistils

are now parched.

A dry beauty.

Kathy Tyler

T Tall, black, stern, bare spire,  
you seemed so different  
R in your summer disguise.  
E Little did I know  
you would betray me,  
E come winter.

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