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PAUL PETRIE

THE LAST YEARS OF A GERANIUM

For five years, sucking the bereaved soil
to the last mineral, then sucking the clay pot,
and living like a cactus without rain
through the long days when water did not fall

SUZANNE OSTRO ZAVRIAN

RECAPITULATION

Love is brave born in May meadow,
Stream sprung, thrush sung, fragrant with grass;

But grave is love danced by the sea's shore,
Caught by the sea call, drawn to the sea's roar,
Drowned in the sea tide, it is no more.

SISTER MARY JANET

COUNTRY MORNING

It is sweetly morning:
the sun is fragrant
on the jeweled grasses
and along the stillness
walk the doves.

SISTER MARY JANET

THRESHOLD

The door invites you—
still you pause to weigh
what aims to leave the past,
what is expendable of love.