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In summer  
I picked grapes  
in the Swan Valley.  
Rows of vines  
like green veins  
along dry fields-  
weighing the bunches  
in thick palms,  
pressing the berries  
between rough fingers,  
looking for colour-  
opaque changes.  
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