

## Lavender Syrup

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The fresh weather of lilacs  
brightened into the spring.  
She bathed lavender in simple syrup  
and sealed her Mason jar.  
The next morning  
when I unscrewed it  
I smelled the delicate  
tranquil stillness of a flower  
rising through my kitchen.  
I poured it into my coffee,  
as the black bitterness  
consumed the sweet, floral  
syrup without any regard.  
This morning, I drink  
to you.  
And your soft sweetness  
persevering  
in an unforgiving world.