

Roses Wilt in May

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Dead siblings are roses wilting in May.
Green thumbs reach
for stems and snip air, bacteria
and abnormal cells secreting through
thorns that cut palms
with each damaged malignancy.
Pesticide, Azacitidine, Decitabine injected into
marrows of shriveling bones to
mend the terminal grief of roots clinging
to lost blooms. They continue to wilt, the poison-cure
prolonging consuming white sheets,
glass vases displaying faded petals
until they die in July.