

## IN ANOTHER'S YARD

cottage garden  
blaze of irises, lilies  
cornflowers, peonies  
diametrically opposed  
to coffin riding  
    wooden trestles  
    in front room

jasmine & roses wage  
scent war  
giving me a reason  
for teary eyes  
mustn't let widow suspect  
my grief waters  
a bigger ocean

married, separate from me  
a discrete & beautiful thing  
to be admired  
knowing you  
cannot own a person  
any more than  
the passing flowers

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