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I AM NOT BARREN

I am not barren.

My fecundity has not dwindled yet,
Enough as before to bringforth blossoms of all sorts and I do.
Alas! Frequent invasions of atrocious autumn
Debilitates their potency to bloom in full
To show my greatness in their daintiness and redolence
That would once captivate aves from overseas
To warble in praise of my nature.
O Heaven! Free me from this brutish autumn,
Can't endure it any more.
To glitter with my flair,
Let clement spring reign over me.



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