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milkweed: a love poem

you beside me here now
expansion of life

between folds of new leaves
quiver of nimble stamens

quick quick spray of golden pollen

surrender the supple pollen flies up
soaring defying all solitudes

your eager cup receiving stigma style and ovary

climb the tender stem leaf by leaf its milky sap
embrace the luscious globe of blooms

each tiny flower a perfect flower
making the whole flower pentamorous

each part its part rousing the sky
to flamingo colors its peachy reach

feel the filling up effulgent seed-pod
spiked oval: emerald russet
paling to a crisp crackle
the pent up pod split and burst

its load sending out a feathery drift of seeds
wings on the wind watch the scatter
our new seed leased to the new day
spread silver and naked across the sky