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The Midwife's Adonis Garden

This is my pot for my Adonis garden:

I plant the seeds, I set them in the sun, they spring up!

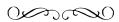
Their root is shallow, and in eight days, they die.

I harvest the dead weeds that remain and carry them to the sea.

I fling them into the waves with your image,
Adonis—

to revive the stillborn child.

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