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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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