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Equinox

Plum buds fatten under a gray sky  
that takes the day and breaks into rainfall.

Yes, that is spring hatching  
between my hands.

Every planting season  
worries of drought or calamity

fall silent as I begin to work.  
Warm soil, bees in the early

blooming apricots.  
Cisterns brimming at last

with the late snows of winter.  
What isn't a garden, or a seed

slipping into ground?  
Inside the open door, a basket

of unfolded cloth, unswept floors.  
When snow comes in April,

it flutters over plum blossoms.  
Light pierces heavy skies.

Gentleness, open me.  
The seeds are just beginning to rise.



## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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