Garden Søng

O, let us tell it to the tulips; Let us sing to bleeding hearts; Let us cry out to viburnum, And remember each forget-me-not. As we dance on the azaleas. Softly step on baby's breath, Trust me to tread on nary a nettle And avoid the primrose path. My lovely lily of the valley, O, my darling hollyhock, You're my sensible snapdragon, My sweet honeysuckle drop. You open up your morning glories From your bed of lavender, Lest you drown in your hydrangeas And lay to waste your juniper. Will I yet miss your hibiscus That is gone with the begonias? Will I have questions like the crocus Or a mind like a magnolia? Let's not dance around like daffodils Or be shy like little violets, But let's love, then, like the lupine And be candid as dandelions. Dear, I would never lack the lilacs To be a sunflower when skies are darker, If you'd cut me roses from your garden And from your greenest meadow, larkspur. Then would I kiss your lips with amaryllis, Or your neck with hyacinth? Or, here, a lotus for your nose And an iris for your wrist. Let me cover you in clover My darling delphinium, As I guard you with gardenias In a castle of chrysanthemum. O, my sweet, delightful dahlia,

Garden Song (cont.)

My beautiful buttercup,
We ought to marry as marigolds
And love like gentile geraniums.
Then we'll sing praises like petunias
Who sing daily with the daisies
To the Creator of carnations
Who planted all the peonies.
And as we bow to the God of goldenrod
We'll climb upward as ivy to rest in His love.
He'll heal us both with heliotrope
As he enfleshes hard hearts with foxglove.