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**Abandoned**

*Bear Loveday Tyler*

my white bird
flew away this morning
taking the window latch in her beak like
a sprig of olive

my yellow flower
died this morning
drooping over the vase
shedding petals like
a may shower

my green hills
crumbled this morning
taking my window through
shades of darkness like
the hand of a one-night lover

my brown ivy fled this morning
taking with him
my white bird
my yellow flower
my green hills

now I am left with red of passion and blue of pathos
neither of which is mine

sunset
and the rainbow
rises
soon

This poem is from Bear Loveday Tyler’s book Love Grenade, published by Survivors’ Poetry in 2006. Loveday was mentored by Robin Ford. Another of her poems, So This Is Death, was published in the Journal in September 2012.

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