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Hush Baby Hush

Sorrow falls as rain
splattering on wet grass

Forgotten stars
on abandoned crops

They touch the slender stalk,
lips brushing against
the cheek of tender weeds
hurt whispers secrets in a rush
singing an unsung lullaby
a melody in hollow ears

-Hush baby hush-

Masquerading the pain
and swallowing the bitterness
of seasonal drought
down the deceptive drain
only divine faith and trust
helps the shoot refrain
from getting drowned in the current
until gradually she adjusts
to reign in indifference

As storm clouds dismiss
another tale in the sombre air

Only memories remain.

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