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there is something about when a flower dies
vibrant and beautiful, lilacs and whites
We try to hold onto it for all time
fading and greyish, gravity it fights

i've tried all the tricks to make the blooms last
time will move and take everything with it
i cannot stop natural life's forecast
to the present moment we must submit

but remind us of fleeting moments
sit in the melancholy of the Earth
part of life is to be disappointed
the flower that dies will soon be rebirthed

do not try to hold onto blooms who wilt
in these sacred moments, Earth's magic spilt

Biography

Rachel Waddleton is a student at Memorial University, with prospects to graduate in Spring 2026 with majors in both English and Philosophy and then continue her studies in Philosophy. She has been writing creatively her whole life, and has been involved with various music events around St. John's and surrounding area for 10+ years. In the fall of 2025, she was awarded the R. S. "Jimmy" James and Marion Jean James Memorial Scholarship in English for her performance in advanced creative writing in poetry at MUN. The scholarship is awarded to a student with the highest mark in a course that promotes and enhances the study of poetry. She is extremely grateful for the opportunity to now be involved with Janus Unbound and looks forward to discovering the ways she can help contribute to the journal as Poetry Editor, grow as a writer, and connect with other creatives in the city and beyond.