#### chemotherapy -

#### in her garden overall

#### forget-me-not seeds

- Dan C. Iulian





#### a popcorn kernel buried in her gum blossoms into an implant

- Bridget Magee





#### Fat rabbit, it's fine there's wild mustard everywhere and the hawk just left

- Lee Tucker





#### Plants are really strong. They are like Beyonce's song, "I'm a Survivor."

- Camila Zazueta





#### secret strawberries for you and me— bitter life sweet for a moment

- Nina Mendoza





#### eco-friendly spring in the half plastic bottles dad's terrace garden

- Devoshruti Mandal





Gloria Haiseman,

my fourth grade teacher, thank you. I am still writing.

- Rachel Srubas





#### Sections crack, settle. In this new space, room for a whole other body.

- Cea Murtha-Paradis





#### Spent twenty bucks on Wildflower seeds, tossed about. Birds ate good that day.

- Sally Hunter





#### We are made of dirt. Hard and rocky desert dirt. Eager for water.

- Mari Herreras





#### Devil's claw--tendrils thin, black and sturdy, good for basket medicine.

- Valerina Quintana





#### from the darkest day of my existence sprouted my sobriety

- Randy Petty





This day, Dylan said, Winds down. Now in the cholla, A flower.

Kiss me.

- Bart Berlin





We sat creekside, green, not knowing love—quick current! —would sweep, swell, grow us

- Kimi Eisele





#### Oh, tomato seed If I care for you enough Can you be pizza?

- Susan Rodriguez





#### Black-eyed Susan weeps russet seeds take root in the ribcage of an ox

- Hannah Palmisano





#### Every local knows the best place for tortillas is your Nana's house.

- Shelby Scheer





#### Soft rain shapes mud walls handmade in the Barrio metal roofs rattle

- Shelli Hall





#### The sun on our arms unwinds our garden we make love on the way home.

- Wyatt Welch





I am an outlaw.

Cast away from my homelands

#### to grow on my own.

- Maksim Blanarovich



