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In the great triumvirate of holiday greenery
Mistletoe,
The wild child,
Symbol of everlasting life,
Evokes holiday spirit.
Only mistletoe elicits a kiss,
Regarded as magic,
To ward off illness,
Treat ailments
Plants mystique inspired by its growth
Winter celebrations are classic
Pluck a berry from a tree and give it to a lady
After each kiss
When berries are gone
Mistletoe's kiss-prompting power is done
For momentary respite for romance
Mistletoe's magic.