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## Beauty

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Spring.

The seed falls to the ground,  
Sprouting capillary roots into the soft earth,  
Drawing nutrients from its surroundings,  
Its first buds stretching to the sky,  
Feeling the warm rays for the first time.

Summer.

Its leaves curve up towards the coming rain,  
Drinking the cold moisture with all its energy.  
The heat returns.  
Its arms slowly dip towards the dirt,  
Trying to hold itself up.

Autumn.

Its stem extends farther and farther into the air,  
Its petals unwrapping to soak up the sun.  
Passing the days evenly and happily,  
The routine of the weather,  
The prime of its life.

Winter.

The root hits stiff soil,  
The moisture dissolves,  
The warmth retreats,  
Its petals begin to droop and wrinkle.  
It withers to the cold earth, grateful for its brilliant  
existence.