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The weeds of your garden
Relentless in their defiance of evisceration.

The roses, so noble in their will to survive,
Relegated to one miniscule patch.
Their sweet aroma muted by such ungracious
guests.

Still they transcended the infestation,
Only to succumb, at last,
To the remedy
Intended to restore a fleeting moment in the sun.

Pungent memories are all that remains
Of your glory and resplendence.