

# Mother's Garden

*Mpimanyeto Mashimbye*

*I sat outside today*



## **Tree**

There are flowers all over the lawn on all but one side of the house.  
I've been wondering where they come from for days now  
Today I looked up at you and saw tiny yellow petals on tiny yellow flowers  
covering you big grey branches well above the roof.  
It's been you all this time.

## **Bee**

Do you know that the bright yellow flowers you've been chasing on the floor as I followed you around the front yard have already lost most of their pollen and begun to dry out?

Do you search through the dead, ignoring the living on their tall stems because the dead still need love?

Same.

## **Bush**

I think this is the first time I've actually seen you look a little wild.  
You haven't been trimmed into the familiar squares and spheres from seasons  
passed in a long while.  
There's been so much to do. But I think you're happy.  
Why else would you bloom your lavender flowers which I am just now seeing  
for the first time?  
Why else would your leaves grow in this thick?  
Bee just arrived to see your flowers.  
I wonder if they took him by surprise too.

## **Fly**

We don't really get along very well.

But something about how peacefully you're resting on Bush's leaves makes me see you differently.

You're still and I hardly get to see that side of you.

I'll admit, I'm a little concerned you might be dead.

## **Wind**

Everyone is dancing today because of you.

The flowers on their stems look like dudes in a club trying not to spill their drinks.

Tree is losing more flowers than usual.

Tears of joy?

Maybe

## **Flowers**

There are so many of you.

Bobbing your heads close to the ground in your little corner of the backyard.

I almost forgot there was a tap behind you.

What are you protecting it from?

## **Garden Patch**

Hello.

## **Little Avocado Tree**

I can't wait to watch you grow some more.  
I had no idea what you were until a few days ago.  
Now I'm excited to meet you.

## **Rosemary Bush**

Thank you for the oil I use to care for my hair.  
It smells really good.

## **Little Dog in A Blue Kennel**

Old age has taken your sight but there's still so much life in your bark and your timid step.

I love you.

