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Fallen Petals

Wilda Morris

It was an unmiracle,
a dreamed turned
inside out, as I watched
the petals of the golden lily
fall to the ground
all at once.
I ached for them
to take wings.
Instead, they lay
silent until covered
with leaves and snow.
All winter they lay,
color draining away,
their decay nurturing
the dark earth.
But in spring
they came again to life
as a poem.