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WHAT SHALL I WEAR TODAY?

By Mary Kathryn Murphy

Today I shall wear silk.
It will be the color of rainbow sherbet.
It will flow and drape and billow behind me
as I sashay through the fragrant herb garden.

Today I shall wear cotton.
It will be the color of farm fresh cream.
It will keep me cool in the heat of day
as I tend to the sustaining vegetable garden.

Today I shall wear linen.
It will be the color of Scandinavian wildflowers.
It will be crisp-starched and properly pressed
for attendance at the formal garden party.

Today I shall wear wool.
It will be the color of wild heather on Irish hillsides.
It will keep me warm as I tuck myself beside the fire
and study garden catalogues on a snowy day.

Today I shall wear polyester.
It will be a neon color like none known to nature.
It will allow me to charade
as I plant plastic flowers in the graveyard.

Today I shall stand naked
in the most perfect fabric known to man.
It will insist that I be completely sincere
as I nurture the flowers of a new generation.