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*The Plot*

I let the flowers die in the garden plot of my mind,  
the ones that were planted the day I shook your hand.

They started curiously  
bloomed too soon

and the short-lived beauty was lost.

It's no one's fault they're decomposing.

They were left unattended  
became overgrown  
full of weeds  
and underwatered.

The vines that climbed wore no fruit  
and though it should have been communal, the gate was always locked.  
I had thieves before who took too much and thought you'd do the same,  
but in return you never hopped the fence and ended up taking nothing ...

Which still left me feeling insane.

Now the plot turned back to a rich soil  
hopefully better prepared for the next.

... If I'll ever let them ...

It will be a while though before I plant again.

- *Madelene Przybysz*