

john martone

helix

dogwood & honeysuckle
2006

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danice ho
&
elena hoang

a guarded mind brings happiness
dhm 3.4

my shoelace
has come untied among
small white flowers

squatting
in raggedy pants
to dutchman's breeches

dutchman's breeches
on their own
clothes poles

under pines
a may-
apple-forest

new fern
pin-

cushion
moss

spring
beauties

to
gether
in

bi
focals

blue
peri

winkles
but

days
still till

tril
lium

violet
by my
right foot

a blue
star

above
& right

of white
pine



my
attic
room

my
garden
bed

every
morning
turn

window
seedling
pots

away
from sun

crab
apple
petals

my once-
bare
garden

swinging mattock
farther out
to miss that earthworm

mattock
blade

broken
earth

sur
facing

double
dig

my
kitchen

garden
twice

2 lbs
night
crawlers

from
bait shop

for
pepper
plants

flower pot shard
digs better than
garden trowel

peppers
in 4
rows

x 3
before
rain

plant peppers
in rain
too

when garden
plot's ready
robins come

splicing

chain link

yes a

double

helix

in kitchen garden
last night's dream
in kitchen garden

roly
polies
made

my mis
laid
garden

gloves
home

size shape
weight of mouse
this moss

pine tree
next to house
where there's no window

planting this pine
10 years from
dormer window

wash my hands
then pour the water
onto plantings

half

inch

stain

less

bolt

my

seed

drill

these soybean rows
make a five-
sided figure

whittle
my new

walking
stick

as long
as

it takes
to get
there

nearing that pine
tonight
smelling lilac

20 watt light
top of shack door
amitabha

shack's
secret

no-
curtain

window's
lit

wings tattered
spring clothing moth
hops to me

last night's mouse
morning's spider
kitchen's *welcome*

brother mouse
runs along
new-nailed moldings

old mouse
still too fast—
old broom

pinewood
lean-to

plaster
buddha

shade-
loving

wild
flowers

this flat stone's in the lotus position

3 yards down
children shouting
a mystery

anemones shut
at dusk
5 to a stem