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**The Red Flower**  
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A lonesome hill  
stands idly among  
the surrounding wood.

The slender neighbors  
tower and gaze upon the bald scar  
that made its home on the crest.

I look at the short yet  
excited branches of the flower:  
and guess at primordial origins.

Is this flower organic?  
The flower is here, why?

The life is derived from prior  
and simply organic specimen.

Or is it simply from the life  
within the specimen itself?

I sit, comfortably as I absorb  
the yield that this flower so  
selflessly provides.

The life slowly fades.