

Circles

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On a page
a word
stirs.

Stirring stalks
flower
buds of May.

May showers
tease
our forlorn skies,

Skies that mate,
then split
to birth a language:

this language that is
shaped like
a yellow flower.

A yellow flower
crowns
my pretty heartache,

a heartache that weaves
sunsets
around a single word:

a single word
that stirs
on my lonely page.