

*'Serotiny'*

*flowers bloom from masks*

*like phoenixes*

*announcing survival*

*it is spring*

*leaves unfurl, unrestricted*

*knowing no borders*

*the fog has lifted*

*if only just*

*yet roots reclaim*

*old ground*

*and slow hearts riot*

*in rough-barked cages*

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