

Etheree

Deflowered Flowers

Passed
purple
clematis,
azaleas
and rhododendrons
tan, shrivel, drop petals.
Withered white iris now beige,
wiped out by weather changes, grew
wrinkles, browned edges. These crinkling crones
are past their glory days, like gardeners.

Procrastinating Meditator

Why
sit in
my backyard
to meditate,
draw on Gaia's chi
when through windows, warm, dry
can contemplate in comfort,
softer chairs, feet on green slate, firm
table to write on. Outside viewpoint
comes from inside me—eventually.

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1. Ten lines.
2. Syllable Count: 1-10.
3. Unrhymed.
4. Also called Count Up. Reverse called Count Down.
5. Variations could include rhyming, centering, combining stanzas into a diamond using flush left and right combos. Any number of stanzas, connected or not.