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flower of a thought on my brain
smells like birdsong, promises fruit
(others will skim and buzz for premature nectar,
but the best things are yet unseen
i keep them, treasured in my heart)

tender pruning
shower with potent thoughts
that crack empty branches
and swell secret fruit

words grow sweet
lay heavy in my mind’s arms
press my fingertips

first-glance skin (oft-pocked with spots of verbiage)
pithy phrase

seedy Crux