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Helen

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Then the dried-baked dust jet through the atmosphere
The sensuous little storm shove off the puny coverlet
Of the leering ground, dried leech liquid thirsted
The meadow too. You can see it through the window
Flushed, her giddy, cracked, ebbd youthfulness

Barely ankle- length, a maiden stripped of beauty
In her pent-up prime, a dowager queen, rag-embroidered
Come every March and April! The alchemy of fleeting time
Now to her the old nature-pest,
Reversal of ill-fate, a fiend mutated to friend

When the tart, broken, cracked, derelict
Derriere of the old vixen - Earth, her crimson crouch
Her mound of yellow-gold, when her audacious
alabaster jug, now collapsed, embalmed clod
Burst through her tiny crevices, suffused

The earth with incensed breeds, auto and stasis
The joy of the critters, teeming, bound
From leaves to leaves, choir of cheeky breeds
The firmament virile, smile with aphrodisiac

Clout, wet season, a Menelaus, struck by love

Helen -

The earth, long flirted with dry season

Burst into joy and song, her womb roused

In sight of her suitor long jilted

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