
LEARNING TO PRUNE

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As pen and journal
distracted me
most of June,
grass overwhelms
my garden plot.

I did not
patiently weed
and rake it.
My plants grow
well enough.
They are
beautiful to me.

I wonder, though,
if my garden neighbors
secretly judge me,
as their corn grows
in weedless rows
and their squash flowers
in well-spaced mounds.

Just like I secretly judge
a poem that clanks
with cuttable words.

I should learn
from my garden
we are all learning
to prune our own plot.