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lights & birds & bougainvillea petals

the bee comes to visit

listens ; then flies away

we are surrounded by colorful walls—

some brick, some crumbling

cultivate

gather twigs downed by wind

glue the broken pieces together

antlers shoes mouths heads bodies

strip the paintings to the core

cover them with layers & more layers

in the field

detach drown escalate
in solitude in perpetual
the signs to delete to expand

examples pretend remain

hermits napkins texts
decline remember whisper
rhinoceros on the road

matchbook disappointment

find the notebook buried in sand

assume nothing of language

move forward

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she hated books on writing

slept in ferns

loved the word intrepid

ellipsis the life

into a semi-colon
delete periods

ungraspable
ladders

trees
of
stars

river
flowers