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Parthenogenesis

A stylized illustration of blackberries and thorny stems on a dark background. The blackberries are represented by large, dark purple circles, and the stems are green with small, triangular thorns. The overall composition is abstract and artistic.

Demeter

Ever held a blackberry
in the hollow of your cheek
and felt the juice become you?
A berry mothers herself, female
from female. I have brought
bread, fed my people,

known their struggle in
the season of my uncoupling.
She is not my daughter but myself.
Grief is not barren. I see her hand
in mine like ivy climbing to
a hope for forever.

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