

TAKE HEART

A Conversation in Poetry

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Here's a poem for June by Kimberly Cloutier Green of Kittery. Inspired by bees that are "besotted" by apple nectar, the poem describes a lover's intoxication.

About Bees is What I Say Aloud When You Ask What I'm Thinking

by Kimberly Cloutier Green

Watching bees plunge into sunlit blossoms
and stagger back besotted
by the apple nectar on their tongues,
I feel their hunger as mine—

the longing to linger awhile
as though winged,
looped in this daze of pink light, confusing
morning for a flower,
all my drowsy preparations
of our toast and tea
a slow, zigzagging industry,

then sharing my stores
of gathered sweetness with you
in a rapture of emptying,
each turn I make in my dance
timed for the signal flashes of gold
dust on my feet on my hands on your face.

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