

The Gardener

BEN JACQUES

The gardener comes
with a new red hose.
He sets up the sprinklers
under the magnolia tree,
waters the zinnias, the roses, the iris;
smooths the gravel in the path.

Perhaps he didn't actually see it happen,
I mean the opening of the stone.
But then few have actually seen a seed open.
Perhaps, at the time, he was touching the broken
stem of a rose.