

## ROOTLESS FLORAL

I haven't time for gardens  
now children fill my space  
where hollyhocks could grow.  
I haven't the attention span to remember  
water  
fertilize  
plant in the sun.

Too busy  
running to wipe the  
chocolate rings around  
the mouths  
of my brown-skinned boys.  
Too busy  
to think of pink petals  
I buy  
bouquets of rootless floral.

Quick smells.

Even when my sons have bloomed  
I may forget  
to water  
fertilize  
plant in the sun.

I'll be running to me then.