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## love poems

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How to explain? Opening up your glory  
Box last night (I make no apology)  
Engrossed by memorabilia, story,  
Or, put in another anthology:

Peeling back the petals of your flower  
I find a pattern. Antipodes?  
Lilies have a fringe. Remember  
Forms found in nature designed to please.

And bearded iris, also known as orrisroot;  
The only iris to possess a scent.  
Spicy? Musky? Floral? The point is moot,  
Furred sepals fall and make it redolent.

To be a cunning linguist's all I have,  
I lick you and beseech you: please don't shave.

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