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Here it comes down upon my skin  
I turn my face upwards to Heaven  
Opening my mouth to taste the sweet drops of life upon my tongue  
The sky quickly darkens, as if there was never light  
And the rain grows stronger  
Pulsing against my body, seeping into my soul

I run for shelter under the porch of my neighbor's weary home  
Just as I arrive without breath, lightning strikes the Weeping Cherry Tree  
Splitting it in half and scattering white petals all around  
Wind moans through the sky as His tears splash against my ankles

The storm will retreat, just as it came  
Leaving footprints underneath the baptized Tulip leaves