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Green, smooth shoot breaks
Hardly fertile, essentially acidic
Soil.

Leaves, wings of grass gloss,
Expand with healing, open with compassion
Surfeit.

Without comeliness, the star blossom guards
Mounds of dust, once men
Living.

Whorls of white, pure silken blossoms
Preside o'er the body of vascular flesh
Entirely.

Delicate petals of radiant pearl
Whisper "*noli me tangere*"* –
Sacrosanct.

*"Touch me not." St. John 20:17.