



2016

## Gathering

Vivian M. Adams

Follow this and additional works at: <https://scholarsarchive.byu.edu/byusq>

 Part of the [Mormon Studies Commons](#), and the [Religious Education Commons](#)

---

### Recommended Citation

Adams, Vivian M. (2016) "Gathering," *BYU Studies Quarterly*. Vol. 55 : Iss. 4 , Article 14.  
Available at: <https://scholarsarchive.byu.edu/byusq/vol55/iss4/14>

This Poetry is brought to you for free and open access by the Journals at BYU ScholarsArchive. It has been accepted for inclusion in *BYU Studies Quarterly* by an authorized editor of BYU ScholarsArchive. For more information, please contact [scholarsarchive@byu.edu](mailto:scholarsarchive@byu.edu), [ellen\\_amatangelo@byu.edu](mailto:ellen_amatangelo@byu.edu).

## Gathering

Ah,  
Child  
Merry,  
Wreathe  
Bridal wreath  
In June,  
Lace daisy strands  
Through summer,  
Chain dandelions  
Stem on stem,  
And wear them  
Through October.  
Blossom read  
The yellow chins  
Of those who love  
Sweet butter,  
Pluck petals  
Of forget-me-nots,  
Enclose them in a letter.  
Snap dragons  
To your fingers five,  
And sip on honey suckle.  
Kiss the friendly columbine,  
Twine up the purple myrtle.  
Wear rings of woven clover  
Sweet,  
For earrings dangle cherries,  
Dine with dolls of hollyhock  
On willow sap and berries.  
O golden ribbons  
From the sun,  
O silver ribbons  
Of the moon,  
Go, my child  
And gather, gather,  
That which passes  
All too soon.

—Vivian M. Adams