

The Christ said to us,  
“I have cut you from a garden I tend  
and set you in a vase  
for the world  
to see.

Soon you will return, for your  
glorious presence I miss.

My hands need to touch you again,  
My divine senses and eyes require  
your soul’s beauty near.

Forgive me, my love,  
for the suffering  
our separation brought.

If I said I am in debt to you,  
could you  
understand?”

St. Thomas Aquinas  
(1225-1274)

