FIELD NOTES FOR AUGUST

a month of prompts for what you planted, what you left fallow, and what still waits underground

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- 1. What have you buried so well that even you forgot where?
- 2. lantern fog | borrowed skin | the orchard doesn't forgive
- 3. What do you keep watering even though it never blooms?
- 4. burnt honey | bone thistle | a house with no corners
 - 5. What did you plant out of fear, not faith?
- 6. rusted latch | milk-bloated stars | someone else's name
 - 7. What part of you is still trying to ripen?
- 8. deerprint silence | half-lit hymn | figs in the gutter
- 9. What do you owe the things that failed to grow?
- 10. tin-thin patience | lost map | wolf beneath the quilt
- 11. When did you last mistake rot for transformation?
- 12. hazel cough | string of teeth | bruised harvest moon
 - 13. What kind of stillness have you been avoiding?
- 14. glass root | "I'll stay" | garden of unsent letters
- 15. What seed did someone else plant in you—and did it take?
- 16. orphaned shadow | cracked jar | wind with your father's voice

- 17. What do you keep harvesting long after it's gone to rot?
- 18. moth-sweet wool | deer skull bloom | the apology stayed in your mouth
- 19. What did you pretend not to want, just to prove you could live without it?
- 20. oil-slick lullaby | chapel dust | ash under the welcome mat
- 21. What memory comes back every August without being invited?
- 22. plucked string | salt bruise | velvet over bone
- 23. When did you become afraid of your own harvest?
- 24. bitter yolk | open cellar | one red shoe in the field
- 25. What did you leave behind that you now miss without meaning to?
- 26. breathprint | heirloom ache | "no one's home"
- 27. How do you name the work no one saw you do?
- 28. plum pit silence | nettle vow | the mirror blinked
 - 29. What does your undoing sound like?
- 30. sulfur lace | forgotten hymn | stitches with no thread
 - 31. Who are you now that the season is ending?

Field Notes - Final Entry

write to the version of you who began this calendar

