

Bleeding heart

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*(Dicentra formosa)*

Finally, a flower after my own.

You there, hanging

in unashamed bivalve clusters

at the feet of ancient cedars.

So few of them left, you know.

Is that what breaks you? Is that

what makes you wear your sweet pink

ventricles on your green sleeve?

—*Rockport State Park*