

# The Yellow Bean

For weeks  
it struggled  
through the hard crust  
of the spring earth  
and a foot  
of air

Just to be  
scorched  
by the sun  
jolted  
by raindrops  
blasted  
by the wind

But on this gentle  
April morning  
as it opens  
green leaves  
to the sky

Nothing else matters

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