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flower
in full bloom



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from babylon to *bloublommetjies*

Gundula Deutschlander, master gardener at Babylonstoren, fills her cup both at work and at home, on Bloublommetjieskloof



On a physiological level, flowers are all about sexual expression. Carl Linneaus, father of taxonomy, had well-considered that conundrum. I goat up the hill behind my house, tip-toe over the Spring surge of rhizomes and bulbs erupting from granite and drop,

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prostrate, in utter admiration of Venus.

This is the swan song of the Renosterveld
Raapui en Roemenaggie,
Sterretjies, Kalossies, Kalkoentjies en Kelkiewyn kloek-kloek saam.
Dis hol in die lug om Mombakkies in die gesig te staar.
Bloucabong is veilig tuis tussen Blombos en ou Kapok
en Bobbejaantjies gorrel die berg uit.

The practical considerations of roots, twigs and leaves are economically efficient for these plants, but when they burst into bloom they leap into the spiritual realm hobnobbing with bees, bugs, birds and butterflies. On my knees, nosy nose with a bloom; that's my ultimate gift. Koinonia with the Gods. ●

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