

ANNA MACLACHLAN
THE OUTSIDE STORY

I arranged August
meticulously.
The colours,
the size,
the mauve phlox with dark green
leaves.
The Back-eyed Susans
cadmium yellow.
The Rowan berries just orange,
deepening every day
in a vase vibrant green
and off-white.
Peaches variegated red in a bowl
and plums deep purple, black
on top.

Corn husks pale,
hollyhocks pink,
and the heads of sunflowers fall
outside.