- 8. In East Germany, juvenile convictions almost doubled between the years 1951 and 1957, from 4,346 to 8,532. See Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, August 25, 1959.
- 9. The Tsarist government did not publish regular divorce statistics. The only figures this writer was able to find (Entsiklopedicheskii Slovar, St. Petersburg, Vol. 51, 1889, p. 135) give Russia the second lowest place in Europe in 1889.
- 10. Concise Statistical Year Book of the Polish People's Republic (Warsaw, 1961), p. 173.
- 11. See the article by D. Petrovic in Mental Health, Summer, 1960, pp. 51-57.
- 12. New York Times, April 23, 1960, p. 46.
- 13. U.N. Demographic Yearbook, 1960, p. 565. Only West Berlin exceeds Hungary, but the two cases are not comparable as the suicide rate is always higher in urban areas than in the country as a whole.
- 14. I have omitted answers that received a low percentage of support, and consequently the percentages do not add up to 100.

## THE GARDENER

## Lilian Symons

I shovelled the brown earth, crumbed with nitrogen, potassium, veined with invisible substance, sweet-moistened with the weeping of young winds. I raked it with the rake of solicitude after I had wounded it for kindness with a disciplined cultivator. With the honour I give to words I made a runnel with a delicate hoe and then I planted carrots.

After a pregnant time, after a moon circle and a square of patience the carrot foetuses feathered in a row, in a beloved row, in a row of love.

In a breath, on a pulse, through a too soon dread the weeds came, the weeds sat there, beside, across, among the green feathers broad, dark, heavy-fleshed, implacably strong-rooted, blindly sipping the wine of the winds, devouring in fearful innocence the earth's warm richness.

And then the carrots sickened.

Why did the carrots die? I loved, I loved, I loved.

Was it because I did not wish to eat the weeds?