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Flower talk



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**Welcome to the
world of flowers.
Each flower has its
own meaning and
its own language.**

**Take a nice walk
through scents and colours.
In the wonderful garden
there is also a cat...**



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Spring

Cherry blossoms decorate the spring
with their pink flowers.
The trees dress for celebration.
Their task is not to produce fruit,
but to be beautiful.

When the cherry blossoms,
I walk out to admire it.

Am I in Japan, where millions of people
enjoy the cherry blossoms?

No, I am standing in my own garden.
Around me the finest
blossoms of cherry
dance in wild and joyful circles.

Big tulips smile happily at us.
They are red, yellow, blue and black.
Over there are white and striped ones.
Tulip means passion,
perfect love and trust me.

Why? Never trust a tulip!
On the radio they sing about tulips from
Amsterdam. But I think of Istanbul.
From there tulips came to Europe.

They became fashion four hundred years ago.
But the tulip bubble exploded and
many people lost everything they owned.
What can one say with a single tulip?

Bergenia is similar to rhubarb.
It has a strong stem, which is the
same colour as the rhubarb stem.
The leaves are also big and wide.
But bergenia has white or red flowers
at the top of the stem.

It is very simple to take care of
and does not mind the weeds at all.
The roots look like black fingers,
which grow on and inside the earth.

Why has nobody written about
the black fingers of the bergenia?
It could become a good crime novel.

But then I wonder why it is
necessary to scare people.
“Is the world not exciting
enough as it is?” I ask the cat.

The cat is not interested in my question,
because it has found a mouse track.

The irises have a strong stem
and leaves, which are similar to spears.
Blue and violet irises belong to
the same family as
yellow iris and gladiolus.

The petals are big and look like
thin tongues with fringes.
Does the iris show its tongue?
Now why should it do that?

Maybe it is just panting in the heat.
Everybody else is sweating as well.
The cat has found
a stone in the shadow.
It is cool and pleasant.

The iris has come to us
from the warm countries
around the Mediterranean.
There the name means rainbow.

I understand it very well.

Lily of the valley with white bells...
In spring the slopes are full of them.
How beautiful they are
in a bride bouquet!

In the flower language lily of the valley
means purity and sweetness.

The scent is used in perfumes and soaps.
It has a nice smell, but is poisonous.
An old and sad song
tells about the good-bye
of the lily of the valley.

But it is not as
useful as foxglove.
Put a changeling into
water with foxglove.

Then the trolls
have to take their
offspring back.

As children we put greater plantain
instead of band-aid on wounds.

The native peoples of North America
called the plantain the white man's foot.
The seeds spread to other continents
with shoes and boots from Europe.

The greater plantain can now be found
almost everywhere.
Everybody said that it is a weed,
but it has long been used
as a medical plant.

People used to relieve cough and
tooth-pain with its help.
Now we receive medicines,
which have been produced in a factory.
So many things people knew before...
So many things we do not know today...