Let my gardens speak for me when I am gone

Let them speak in colored whispers of all the beauty I have see n and felt, and lived

Let them speak of how much death had to find me; how many hard seasons it took to make me a living, breathing thing

Let them speak of my seasons of growth and abundance but let th em also tell of my seasons of loss and decay

Let the soft, wet earth be a reminder of hardness that didn't w in

Of sadness that didn't calcify

Of surrender that triumphed over resistance

And let the glorious, fragrant blooms speak of my life and its greatest lesson: that the beauty we make never dies

Come sit by my garden