

## **Tulips**

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A majestic red tulip  
bloomed this spring  
and light echoed off  
yellow veins in its petals.

Standing tall it signalled  
stop and remember  
blood that flows red.

There were black tulips too  
not true black  
but deep deep purple  
darker than plums  
darker than bruises.

One bloom from each bulb  
stark purple and old  
royal crowns of colour  
in springtime's kingdom.