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She should have gotten the hint
when instead of a ring he sent bachelor buttons.
There were flowers after every fight,
and each romantic evening,
so she came to associate flowers with kisses and curses.
Every infidelity was wrapped in green tissue paper,
and delivered to her door,
so it only seemed appropriate
that women and flowers should bear the same names.
For every rose she wondered
if there were another Rose somewhere.
Every Lily or Iris that she met,
was an automatic rival.
When Heather showed up in her garden
with violent violet eyes,
she wasn't surprised
to find her skirt brushed with dandelions
that the breeze had not dispersed.
She sent the forget-me-nots FTD
and charged them to his own account,
along with all the gardening tools she bought.

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