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In the midst of this broiling heat
When even the bee is thirsty
And there is no honey to be made
The gangly Naked Indian arms
Of the Gumelemi sprout lime green
Leaves fluttering in the cooling breezes
Against the dark brownness of dried-up Love Vine
And hope springs like a trickle
From the hillside baked cracked earthenware
A precious leaking of water
Life-giving wholesome milk
From Demeter the Great Mother