

Tiny Dancer  
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Clusters of zinnias  
Poised on slender stems  
Petals splayed open  
Upturned faces blush in my satisfied gaze

Over my head  
They fly two by two  
Sliver of sky between them  
Soaring spirals

Seductive flutters  
Split second dives  
They court and spark  
Leaf, twig, stalk, blossom sing spring

Swollen buds soften  
Opening one eye to the sun  
Bumblebees crescendo on a monotone  
Hummingbirds thrum staccato

Swallowtail leaves her amorous partner  
Alighting onto dainty stamen  
Ringed by kaleidoscope of mauves and corals  
She toe dances just for me