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## Elegy to Uncle R.

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Summer was  
running barefoot:  
Grass, sidewalk, grass,  
You, in the garden  
With your alarm clocks  
so quick in their coops  
We couldn't hit snooze.  
The first bite of the first plum was so full  
Flavor and warmth  
The love of the handoff  
Calloused hands with lines so deep  
The juice if you squeezed  
Could form dark rivers in  
the valleys of those lines  
The same lines that etched a crack  
Of a smile on your worn face  
Opening it up like the sun  
Splits open the clouds