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Déjà Vu

It was déjà vu catching a glimpse of you at the
Singapore Botanical Gardens

I had turned down your proposal ten years ago,
and married someone else

Time passes by, so our meeting in the mist house
surrounded by delicate orchids was serendipitous

When we hugged, it felt like old times, the
sizzling chemistry between us was undeniable

Surrounded by exotic ginger plants at high tea,
it's a flashback when you proposed a new life

You've always been my path not taken,
tempting as it may be that door is closed,
so the answer is still no

But we'll always have fond memories of our
times together at Ni'ihau
— Hawaii's 'Forbidden Island'

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