

## Kim Jacobs-Beck – Two Poems

### Berry Patch

never did produce  
any fruit so  
at your request  
I dug it up, all of it  
    risked thorns and blisters  
because you asked me to  
because I love you  
because maybe you  
    will notice

### Observatory, 9/10/16

I broke Dan's heart  
    in the event tent  
    under the pin oaks.  
Lecture on the lawn  
A lightning storm.

Anger covers fear:  
    don't astronomers  
    understand  
    electricity and metal  
    poles?

Cider vinegar sour  
    on date night,  
    I sulk.

My sweet introvert  
    fills in the small  
    talk gap  
Struggling with his tongue

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