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The Backyard in Midsummer

Robert De Smith

As I duck beneath a low branch,
The weed-whacker whirring like a mad cicada,
I am thumped,
Mid-forehead,
By a plump pear.
It is a friendly thump,
Melon to melon,
A reminder,
A promise.