



## Tulip Life (TITLE??)

Inches deep beneath November dark  
faith in light's return  
I savour the company of sister bulbs

Soon my shoots peek through soil  
Green stalk stretches  
sun's rays overhead  
new leaves cheering in the breeze

Buds ride windy waves  
swelling toward the warmth  
Glimmer of colour

*I am pink! I am pink!*

Now I look at myself  
rosy-cheeked bloom  
smiling in my peak  
We tulip sisters shout Spring

Petals drooping, pink pales  
edged with rust  
Stalk and stamens slouch  
*What I could teach those lilac blooms!*

Bulb in a bushel basket  
squirreled in the shed  
for next year's showing

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