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Mirage

A freshly washed dress
With an exotic flowery print
Hanging loose on a line
Sways in the spring breeze.

A busy honey bee
Attracted to its colors
keeps coming back

Ignoring its sensory instincts.

We humans
Retain our illusions too.

Early Spring

how to restore brotherhood
after years of hostility
between the long-time foes.

with hands in loam
lay out seeds
in curated rows.

carefully water it
as the gentle mist
blows through the fingers.

persuade the afternoon sun
to guard the freshly
imbedded seeds.

let the sprouts
grow into tender vines
flowers into crop

that fills
the empty stomachs
with love, peace and dignity.

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