

WHEN PLANTS HAVE VOICES

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This is the year that humans stop
Building war tanks and start building gardens
For every apartment and prison cell.
This is the year that humans are fined
\$100 if they sell or purchase flower
Bouquets at the market stands.

This is the year that sunflowers
Replace digital ones on television screens.
This is the year that oak trees will break
Through the paved streets and sidewalks.
This is the year that coral reefs have
Dibs to filtered water bottles.

This is the year that holly plants become
Priests. This is the year that the nation
Has its first cactus president. This is the
Year that the rose can marry the asparagus.

This is the year that all family
Members of dead flowers and trees
Can take back perfume bottles from
Counters and white paper from printers
So they can bury them in peace.

This is the year that all plants break ceramic pots.
This is the year that all plants have tax
Write offs. This is the year all plants
Have equal rights.