

Lola's Garden
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(English translation: Grandma's Garden)

The poinsettia shrub severed
by La Niña's torrential downpour—
will still blossom by December
where it rests peacefully on the ground,

its red leaves evoke a message
from long-forgotten memories,
like a Christmas card arriving—
a few months after the sender died.

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