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*William G. Davies Jr.*  
**The Necklace**

Like costume jewelry  
left on the dead,  
daffodils clasp  
their sunny affordability  
around the ruins  
of a farmhouse.

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### Forsythia

They scream suddenly  
as if they been murdered  
in broad daylight.  
Splayed open  
like a sockeye salmon  
or a split watermelon.