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There are three moments when star flowers grow:
When goddess' tears turn to stardust
Which scatters over all the earth,
When powerful kings spill their own blood
In sorrow wrought from their sins,
When an innocent child finds danger
And longs for a safe place to hide.
The blooms born of sorrow stand strong,
Braving drought, heavy frost, violent feet.
The delicate white petals rise to ward off
Quiet snakes lurking in long grass,
And that illness which threatens
to steal the breath from your lungs.
The same frost flowers collect castoff dreams
And imbue in road-weary travelers
The power, devotion and wisdom to see
Their long journey's end.