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## TSUNAMI VINE

Seedling vine creeps  
along ground until  
it timidly touches trellis  
old lady hammered into place  
in front of her door hoping  
for shade and privacy as vine  
grows, thickens, lengthens form;  
it looms onto roof in tsunami crest  
cascading over shingles  
in slow motion calamity  
of every-grasping tendrils  
upward, over, spreading white blossoms  
in hypnotic scent and shade  
soon to give old lady  
cocoon of privacy as long as  
frost holds back one more week,  
one more week  
she'll be safe inside.

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