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Hexagonal

Chambers laid out in wax
like the exposed architecture
of heaven, and like heaven the sun
shines eternally in the ambered
sweetness of what they produce.
A sticky mathematics of sustenance.
Labor made light by the fragrance
of a fallow field. The names we've given
to clover and goldenrod a mistranslation
that collapses. Entire colonies
destroyed by carelessness and bees
flying toward an eternity
which we imagine is finer
than a bank of purple aster.

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