

DIANE PIERI

Orange Garden, 2015

Gouache, Flashe paint, casein, gold leaf, decorative papers, printing blocks, inks, punches on Japanese, Lotka, and BFK Rives papers, 48 x 80 in



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YUDIT SHAHAR HOUSE

An old house with an orange tree I want
with shingles that fall in a stormy wind
patches of daffodils in the garden
and dandelions growing wild
and maybe my soul's calm will come,
will settle on the hexagonal floors
yellow light-blue red
and maybe between the walls I will wake
to the voice of birds rejoicing.

—Translated from Hebrew by Aviya Kushner

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