MANDY PANNETT

Enjoying Sunlight with John Donne in Derek Jarman's Garden

it began
with a dog rose
stalwart against the easterlies
by the back door of a fisherman's cottage
salty winds
incessant in winter
an expanse of shingle
everything is on the edge
a garden both
Gethsemane and Eden

driftwood rust cuttlefish stone
sea kale green and purple scent of honey across the marsh

lavender lovage samphire fennel
the dark red of valerian
golden orange of California poppy
an *unruly sun* and a north-sea wind
comes in with the tide
bringing
hours days months

the rags of time