

An Incantation for Spring

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Bloodroot, liverwort, wild ginger
serve as a salve, balm,
tonic, elixir.

Forget Wellbutrin, won't take Effexor—
no chemical'll solve a long,
harsh winter.

Sunshine brings a natural cure:
watch purple fists of rue-anemone
unfurl.

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