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Random gathered, pollinated by bees,
 Chilled forty days and forty nights.
From rose hips red, I sow the seeds,
 Anticipated bloom, a longed-for sight.

Chilled forty days and forty nights,
 A false winter's rest that breaks, in time.
Anticipated bloom, a longed-for sight.
 Will greet the day 'neath May's bright shine.

A false winter's rest that breaks, in time.
 Sprigs of green, unfurl tender, wide,
Will greet the day 'neath May's bright shine.
 What color, scent and form they hide?

Sprigs of green, unfurl tender, wide,
 Chancy mixed, the genes combined,
What color, scent and form they hide?
 Only I know, first view is mine.

Chancy mixed, the genes combined,
 From rose hips red, I sow the seeds,
What color, scent and form they hide?
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