

Renaming Things

Flowers ... plants
Clover ... lovers
Thistle ... stick-in-the-mud
Goldenrod ... ne'er-do-well
Unidentifiable shrub ... isis' blood
Grass ... cheveux de spectre
Celandine ... cowering DNA
Woodland sunflower ... how strange
Field fern ... bronze idol
Bramble bush ... attacker of Bernadette
Poison ivy ... ménage à trois
Gras ... hector's lunch
Wild aster ... smart mouth pucker
Dandelion ... liminal lettuce
Yarrow ... the bobby mcgee
Thimble berry ... tom's tart
Bloodroot ... dragon buddies
Sycamore ... quark ladder
Dragonflies ... braidkissers
Butterfly ... indigo tourism

—Bernadette Mayer