



(Image: Native Violets, alien Dandelions—both viewed as weeds within the ecological war zone of North American lawn culture)

Crabgrass

4 or 5 digits -- the splayed fingers
of an outstretched hand,

driven to the peripherique of tightly
cropped, well-fed urban meadows...

How the violets and yellow flowers
of spring wish to return, showing us

that someone has given up all the fighting,
and let their hair go wild again, gestures

shaped, even if ever so slightly,
by much sun, sparse rain, and the curious
lithe ways of a fickle wind.