

A black and white photograph of two Purple Monkeyflower Duo (Mimulus lewisii) flowers. The flowers are shown in profile, facing right, with their long, tubular stems and flared, two-lipped petals. The background is a solid, dark grey, which makes the lighter tones of the flowers stand out. The lighting highlights the texture of the petals and the fine hairs on the stems. The overall composition is simple and elegant, focusing on the natural beauty and structure of the flowers.

Flowers are to the background green of meadow and forest what a well-made poem is to the constant chatter of sounds which surrounds us. How strikingly beautiful they are, these centers where essences converge.

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