

Cottage

by Art Beck

Summer, with all its clothes off, meets you at the door
with a mouthful of licorice and roses.

The sinews of peace stretch like cats as you work the cork
from the cold, sweating bottle.

You may as well forget another Monday's
just a week away:

something greener than money's got
hold of you. July's never shy
about anything here, and earth insists
on pulling you back to earth.

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