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## Arthur Rimbaud

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**ARTHUR RIMBAUD**

Huts are fashioned  
with rhubarb to the ground,  
the air dizzy with bees.  
Along the rain forest  
ants loosen the earth  
and tunnel deep for loneliness.

The fever explores  
your thigh; women  
are nursing invalids  
from this hot country.  
(In delirium, the expedition  
through the Alps, a boat  
to Africa. Sails quarrel  
with the wind.)

You lie in a hammock  
breathing the cotton soaked sweat.  
Slaves dance naked through trees.  
You imagine  
the eye of a panther  
skinned to death by flowers.