

late spring

lovely healthy
young and blooming
lilac tree

arrayed as
only trees know how

in quiet elegance
projecting
holy place

and such

beautiful peace

given to me
and planted
in the early fall
five and three
quarter
years ago

after my sister died

friends at work
seeing how much
I was shaken
how much
cut to my
core

decided the answer
was new
green
life

life!

maybe someone
somehow knew
that all trees

have always been
and will always
be

holy
for me

I love this young lilac
loved it
at first sight

putting it here
at the corner of the house
with someone I love
was my own
perfect

service

young life

stout and strong enough
to require
good planting

a good gift
to honor a living
friend

and help him
on his way
in faithful

remembrance

and reverence
for the much loved
much missed
reality
of the

dead

the only saving
answer
really

lovely
lovely

life

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