Sa’adi (13th c.)
Bani Adam

*Human beings are members of a whole, in creation of one essence and soul.*
*If one member is afflicted with pain, other members uneasy will remain.*
*If you have no sympathy for human pain, the name of human you cannot retain.*

Zeina Azzam

What I want to say to the tulips that emerged, again, in March:
*I am so grateful to count on you.*

There is nothing else to gird me anymore. This beauty almost makes me weep.

*Do you see how different the world is now?*

And they tell me: *no,* *as we know it, the world is still the same.*
*The rains arrived this morning.*

*The nightingale keeps working so hard to sing. The starling wails.*

If sickness comes
I want to be like the wise tulips,
store energy in my heart bulb

and come back after a hard winter,
dressed in bright turbans
of orange and yellow and red.