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The only clue

A pebble on a pristine landscape

No scar

No discolor

No abrasion

A landscape carefully maintained

Zero risk for pebbles

No erosion

No pollution

No blight

A landscape admired

Productive

No neglect

No abuse

No regrets

And yet, a pebble

But just a pebble

No boulder

No rock

No stone

A pebble invisible

Not seen or felt

No alarm

No warning

No signal

But the pebble must go

Or others will come

No guessing

No waiting

No crying

The pebble dug up

The landscape cleansed

No pebble?

No knowing "if?"

No knowing "why?"

The landscape?

Changed. But the gardener

No fear

No anger

No despair

The landscape is serene

Its beauty safe for now

Content? Yes.

Joyous? Yes.

Loved and loving? Yes.