

Mallows

soil is warming
under spring sunlight
new growth, fresh start

young green leaves
shooting up where old ones grew
strength from the past

the first stalk with
a bud appears wrapped tight
pink and swelling

eager to show glory
a bud joined by others
blazing wide wings

each bud opens up
into five touching petals
only for one day

displays huge like plates
and as small as coins
pollens everywhere

perennial blooms
are hibiscus every year
grandest anywhere

