

APRIL SURPRISE

SUDDENLY, despite the lack of a formal introduction
or even an announcement, August
arrived on the back end of a Sunday afternoon.

Furnaces fell cool and silent.

Windows opened to welcome soft, southern breezes.

Fresh green life--- REJOICED.

Bathing in sunshine, heat and humidity.

A cadre of naysayers proclaimed this
anomalous experience; unwanted --- out of place,
an abject aberration. BUT — the party went on-
until *the following* Thursday afternoon.

Tender leaves sobbed as

Gusty winds reintroduced April greys.

Late season frost came creeping

back with ensuing darkness.

Many weeks from now this shadow

of August shall engender

a distinct feeling of déjà vu.