Blue Globe

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On sturdy stems in metallic copper-brown, with dispersed, dissected, long leaves, the perfect spheres appear as works of modern sculpture or jewelry. The strict symmetry of each globe gives this plant an appearance away from the rest of the plant kingdom and closer to the geometry of space and perfect mathematics. As the blue flowers extend to form the full, carefully arranged surface of the globe, thorns, in shiny gold protrude outwards beyond the blue, guarding it from goats, and extending the sphere to another layer of soothing contrast ?the whole composition appears as if an orb of fireworks has been frozen in physical material and on a miniature scale.