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I want to feel the seatbelt in my car
through thin sleeves,
as we drive away from the grey months
and towards the tulips
that only our next-door neighbors
remembered to plant

last summer. this summer,
let's never turn on the air
and instead be conditioned by nature.
I want to fall asleep to the sound
of box fans,
even though they make me chilly,
and I just like hearing them hum.
at least until

Labor Day, the day before I get to
take in knowledge and the smell of textbooks.
in preparation, I'll buy 64 Crayola crayons
just for robin's egg blue.
later, we can eat *challah*,
at a paper-plate Rosh Hashanah party,
even though we're not Jewish.
I also want it to be

Christmas, since it is already
November first.
is that snow on the window? a flake even?
I'm wearing that scarf you gave me last year,
even though I don't need a coat yet.
just tell me if it's too soon for holiday socks,
or too late, after New Year's,
when

outside the church's chapel,
poinsettias lay around us,
a snowy circlet.
the days grow longer,
the frost is fraying,
I want the spring again.