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He yawns as Day winds up her act,
Gaudy gewgaws of verdant green
Grain gold, azure blue,
Flash wily-nily as they float in garish light,
Day has their rapt attention.

Only he has watched with relish the gray,
Squat shadows stretch pencil thin.
He humors Day's brilliant finale:
A splash of vermillion sun.
Then, suddenly impatient, he drowns the rays
With his muted cape and
Escapes with his prey before they are even
Missed.