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The mood blue with sadness cast
upon a bowed face weeping
by a shaded lavender blue drape.
A stretch of bluebonnets
dancing across a Texas prairie, or
the blinding infinity
of turquoise upon a New Mexican sky, or
the undulating ripples east of Lakeshore Drive.
The color of an elusive dream of
indigo dye swaying by a bay
beneath a South Carolina moon.
Silhouettes from a stanza called Blue Bayou.
Satiny royal blue slippers peeking
beneath a junior bridesmaid dress and
a spray of bluebells crowning her head.
A blue kool-aide mustache in a blue Cherokee.
The tasty aroma of blueberries
jammed inside a golden crusted pie, or
memories of blue dribbling down
a scoop of vanilla ice cream sides.
Twinkling lights outside
upon frosted pines near Christmastime.
The cover of an empty journal
void of reflections from my lost youth.