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Dazzling orange
horizon's orb
sinking into
the liquid blue
purple
red
gently
holding breaths
of rainbows
at each cloud step
until it tips
the trees
with flames,
meets the snow-topped
bruise-hued mountains,
and mirrors itself
in the lapping crests.

There it rests
held in a puff
of air
ready for
the last descent.
Suddenly
it slides
down the mountain
a flash of green
disappearing
under
the sea
leaving finger
scratches down the wall
of sky
that fade with
the drawing curtain of
black velvet
and silver flashes.
