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My pencil has scratched
the surface of the page,

tracing a valley like an artist.
April showers

in the rain forest.
I have wrote and sung,

like a professional singer.
I am running into impossibilities-

veggie lo mein, chicken, pomegranate-
usually in September,

now, in October.
The jades and magentas

of my creativity
have dried like a desert.

I'm running from the rotten apples
squatting on the forest floor

and trembling, I scurry
to reach the April blue valley

bottled in the ocean
while the sky lamp

scorns its light
on me.

KEVIN AUBREY