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**Lucid Blues**

Unsullied veins of billow trail  
the gales that exceed the petals  
that float amidst the verdure. The

fingers of the canopies succumb  
to the sun's relentless chortle of  
torpor. Deftly swaying, being

ridden of all tumult. Capons scan  
the vista with lappets of credence.  
Amity and hope draw near.

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### Acreage

Emeralds and olives align  
the stems of the sward. Russet  
rims of twigs tighten the aura

of pine that surrounds the  
underbrush. Concave silts  
of scattered reveries succumb

to the mind of all farces. The  
root is yawning and callused  
with endeavored barb that harass

the neighboring miser that scurries  
on by. Lavish squalls beckon  
upon its fringed bulk of awe.

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### A Stork's Bill

Trifling stature amended by  
the stems in which lifts its  
body up above the lea. Heads

of seven mauve blossoms  
penetrate the tip of the beak.

Speckled bits of indigo ash are  
due for a further inquiry and  
mention. Florescent lime and

char in hue that comprises the  
stalks, subdue the adjacent flora.

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### Scarlet Tanager

Vibrant rubicund frame attached  
with dull leaden annexes that match  
its outlying extremity. With its ogles

as dim as the sky is night, which  
stares delicately amidst the branches  
of the tree. Coupled twigs for legs

and pointed thorns on the ends. Alas,  
topped with a suave bill of pearl, ginger  
and beige that lattice with ample dexterity.

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### Dogwood

Flowered fingered boughs  
wave ably in the wafts of  
imagined lifts that are carried

throughout an aura of oddity.  
The buds that flourish and  
thrive in the balminess of the

sun's gleams emit tranquil  
vales of desolation and absence.  
The itinerant will gaze with

great wonder pending the blooms  
to ignite the leers that are hidden  
within us all, waiting to escape.