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By Kelton Enich

A low sun gives breath
to clothes on the line.
I should fold them now,
but the trousers look nice
with the legs rolled up.
Autumn spreads
like fire across my yard.
A temporary mural.
The blue
between birch branches
arches wide,
a thick mess of solstice air
perches behind Mt. Jumbo,
preparing to sweep
across my lawn at midnight.
Cottonwood fluff twists
in the air and lands
on the hem of a dress.
Deep purple sky and a pinpoint of sun
dangle in the distance.
I can taste the coolness on my tongue,
like holding river rocks
 in my mouth,
like fresh spray
 from the garden hose,
like cold winter lace
 falling from the sky.