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sitting in the classroom
my desk neighbor
 (a safe six feet away)
drops her mask down
to take a drink

plush cheeks
plump lips
the delicate slope of her chin
to her soft neck

pimples and blemishes
moles and zits
an upper lip
never waxed

I am smitten