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Pale caps erect as chiseled stone make the mind
a sculpture garden. Staking their luminous flags
on the damp nap of lawn, they blazon a ghostly
vulnerability, are obvious as the pointed question
the face cannot master, its flush climbing the neck
and cloaking cheeks with admission. Nocturnal
and explicit as greed, their presence suggestive
as a door left ajar, their appearance is so sudden
my mouth makes an O. What moon tugs these
clean sheets straight up from soil? Their skin
bare there as skin is bare everywhere after clocks
hand us down hallways, and our mouths lock.