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The gaze of your chilly blue eyes burns  
into the back of my brunette hair.  
The fire nips away at my wick  
until I melt into a waxy mess.

Your blue flame, so tender,  
so dangerous, engulfs me.  
I beg for water, and you comply,  
but it makes the wax fire worse.

I wanted a clean break,  
a quick snip then freedom for us both,  
but it was too late. The clock struck twelve,  
and I was still your princess.

I started this fire in you,  
but you can put it out.  
Suffocate, silence, and shun me.  
Only then can we be free.