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The fresh weather of lilacs
brightened into the spring.
She bathed lavender in simple syrup
and sealed her Mason jar.
The next morning
when I unscrewed it
I smelled the delicate
tranquil stillness of a flower
rising through my kitchen.
I poured it into my coffee,
as the black bitterness
consumed the sweet, floral
syrup without any regard.
This morning, I drink
to you.
And your soft sweetness
persevering
in an unforgiving world.