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Leap Day

Coming around the bend
up the hill toward the freeway

out of the corner of my eye
purple flowers

forgetting for a moment
the dying, just this burst open

after the miracle
of average rainfall

lupines, I cry out
as if naming them could tie

my soul to them
the most fleeting

among us
in two worlds at once

roots in winter clay
whorls in spring air

the decease of which
will release us.

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