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riding in the backseat,
 i watch the landscape change,
or rather,
 repeat itself,
 through the water-stained window.

their conversation becomes muffled noises
 in the back of my mind.

wildflowers line the ditches along the road,
 into the seemingly endless horizon.
flashes of pink, white, and yellow
 blur together like a merry-go-round,
 and yet they remain indivisible.

they are, to me, nameless.

 the tall grass grows on the unpaved everywhere.

 we are caught—between—a tunnel of trees.

and the sky, the sky, is a wondrous blue,
 a blue that defines all blues.

yet, something lurks beneath it all.
off The Island, silence forbodes silence.
i could blow away with a single breath
 and seed nothingness.
dandelion particles, twice removed.

 forget the stars...
 (that) i can't see—
 i *need* something real.