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CONGRUENT ANALOGIES

I sit on the long untrimmed
field grass
Surrounded by at least
fifty dead corpses
 beer cans
 Pepsi cans
 skimmed milk cartons
Sticks from uncombed tree tops
gnarl the long hay
But deep within the heart
of the wild domestic objects
Gentleness blooms—
Lavender violets
The point of my pen
With sadistic satisfaction
Was manipulated to stab
A gnat.
It blended into the ink
Gnat-ink
But still the wingless pen
And the inorganic ink
Printed epitaphs
on the unruly twigs
Colored the violets royal blue
Blue ink mixed with the sunlight
And formed sultry green light
As if I were looking through
sunglasses.
The violets in my pocket
wilted
I scattered them to rot
And then the ink entered
the dirt.