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## **Blue**

I've seen a person laugh to breathlessness,  
his face blazing, swollen with blood,  
glowing like a Cabbage Patch devil.

I remember thinking  
that he might die like this,  
with tinsel streamers of steaming red  
screaming from every pore, and a blinding white  
light beaming from his eyes.

It began with a plastic smile,  
and all we remembered was the television,  
digital rain,  
in dead brainless black and white,  
acid rain, not yet drained from us,  
and a color we'd never seen before.

We named it *blue*.