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The difference between
Green and blue
Until recently was left

Up to the individual
Then to the language
And now finally we have

Standards
To explain practices
The sky is legally

Blue and the grass
Specifically green
With as you will remember

Yellow daffodils
Around the edges
And some birds of

Indeterminate hue
That eat crumbs
But won't touch the hand

Every so often
Something huge
Changes

Did we dream of this
Did we want
To know how it happened

This agreement about
The world falling
Into place not like

The puzzle it is but
Like an explanation
Of yearning or sickness

Each day
Is a fence
On the other side

Of which lies the everything
Else that gives form
To the desert

Or the freeway
By the playground
Where little friends

On the benches
Ignore their big pals
Driving off to

Places to return from
We can agree
That coming home

Requires a place
A way of talking
And an inscrutable

Cosmos
You might remember
That before anxiety

Replaced thunderstorms
No one made laws
They wrote them down

This made some of
The differences
Clear

A pear tasted like
A pear and not
Like furniture