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When the sun, like a heavy summer peach,
hangs low against the sky,
we pause on the rusty-coin-colored balcony

to watch Autumnal shades of reddish orange
bleed into the cerulean ceiling
and spread along the edges of the world.

Leaning against the wintered railing,
we strain, a pair of over-sized prairie dogs,
at fading bits of dusky clouds.

At last the light relents to night,
and your flint stone eyes flicker
like candles winking in the vernal air.