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fire flickers faster
than the time it takes
to blow out the mallow
i've burned to a crisp

camp close to the coy cove
let the bait bait the fish
smoke the slab on the stove
Dad said it's best burnt

don't touch the
pointed petal poison plants
flicker your flash at black bears
they scatter like smoke

fan out the fire before nightfall
Dad once did it for me
his hand burned a black crisp
the rest to ashes