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Blue picnic blanket blues
Ice tea breeze
Warm ice cooler
under the maple trees

There's a space on the sheet
(an empty void of sky blue)
Where a turkey swiss sandwich sits.

The milk for tea is curdled,
The apples: brown and wormy,
A colony of ants claimed the corn,
And the clouds turned stormy

There's room here for two
Today, tomorrow, or the next day
 Or the next day
 Or the next day
 Or the next day...