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Blue-stitched stones

*Bring me two pounds of
blue-stitched stones!*
my friend cried when I visited him
in hospital
hope-peddling but friendwarned
that the meds were puzzling
doctors fuzzy around the edges
when asked
“When?”
When will he feel better?
When can he go home?
When will we have our beloved back?

Two pounds of blue-stitched stones
scattered like seed
through the potshards on the balcony
as he, windswept, birdcried in a frenzy,
carried off
into paint-brightened
hawks-cage