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Study Posture

Wide-eyed
She sits open to the
Rattling TV tube.
Then Indian style,
Guru neck folded in concentration
As if her whole body dropped
Into the book's challenges.
Head up ever so often
Out of her private ostrich descent.
A breath of
Illumination to carry her
Forward once again
In the very real,
Very nurtured home of
Her mind's starter house.

Spring Break

Dark spring sky
go hover over someone
else's bleak 6th hour classroom
drop your fresh-water
tears on another pane
Spare us yet another weekend
of your company, clouding our senses
with your petulant displays

Dark spring sky
if you must emote
find please the newly hatched
buds of that scraggly dressed
crabapple. Slide down the
waiting lips of the magenta
tulip or touch my pale cheek
and I'll cry your sadness too

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