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After the April rain came the ice and
thousands of jewels rained down
from our maple tree, landing on the grass,
glittering garnets wrapped in glass.
I gathered as many as I could hold
and spread them out on the dining room floor,
a gift for my wife.
We sat and gazed, amazed.
Beauty, prolific and transitory,
had entered our front door:
a flurry of sparkling gems had fallen from the sky,
ordinary maple buds doomed to die.