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Morning light leaks
ever so slowly
into the eastern sky
going from gray
to pale blue
to gradually brightening
shades of pink
and then
suddenly the sun
leaps
from behind the horizon
like a beach ball that has been held beneath the water
Kaboom!
We are blinded
by the ball of light.

This is the way our Lord will return.
Suddenly
we will see him
after centuries of looking to the heavens
through fog or dust or dusk or rose-colored glasses:
Immense, Bright, Undeniable.