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Casablanacas

little pellets of orange velvet
sprig of white ruffles
purple flecks near the center
these lilies are known for their sugar

when each waxy bud cracks open
a songbird's egg hatching
let me forget the huddle of time
humanity's sour-mouthed aunt

let the stamens laden with sweet velvet
offer themselves, their inner palaces