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First Place Poetry*

Passing each other
through a busy shopping mall,
I catch my reflection
in your Ray-ban sunglasses.

Is there a chance
for the nonconformist;
The one who walks to a country beat
And dresses in blue light specials?

As you disappear into a specialty shop,
I see your face in an earring
And a scruff mark on the floor.

Paisley - sperm in effigy,
Slowly swimming toward a
designer death.