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The meadow by the airport
is just like any other grassland
beneath the empyreal blue
that offers late afternoons
of sprawling blades of green
dappled by gentle sunlight —
except for the intermittent
intrusion of a thundering
airborne machine
and its passing shadow.
The metal carrier's soar
or descent breaks the silence
and solemnity of the moment.
But oftentimes, it is absent.
Sometimes, it’s just a purple kite
steadying itself high above,
or a carefree sparrow
in flight and song.