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A Southern wind blows hard
the collar of a denim jacket
flutters against my throat
out of place and season
here in the warm night, air
but its presence is comforting
and memories cool the breeze
until at last the wind feels familiar
in this place where a thousand people
pass by or smile
with the faces of strangers
and even the stars have shifted
leaving me unsure
that I'll ever find my way home.