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The creation of turquoise

It didn't happen all at once  
the elders would say later  
then again, it seldom does

Every creation is intentional  
even destruction can take its time,  
rather it was the inexorable  
chipping away of the sky  
one kernel at a time  
small fragments of  
rupture, rapture  
and when the sky touched the earth  
the impact created  
veins in the stone  
so each turquoise would tell the story  
of sky and earth colliding

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