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Dreamland

My waking hours move
within a dream that molds itself around

the hardness of blue-skied days.
It presses me up against a world of might be's

hope a sly guy just there, around that corner,
seated sipping a foamy cappuccino,

or browsing summer-bright fruit
at a market stall.

A phantom world alive with you where I live now,
feet planted firmly on air.

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