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"Hey Renee, do you want to see  
a UFO?" I asked from the front door.  
We lived in Cholula, Mexico,  
an ancient town invaded long ago

by Cortés. That afternoon  
lightning storms had enveloped  
Cholula. In the midst of churning clouds,

a bright light appeared,  
flying blithely across town.

Renee joined me at the door  
and together we observed  
the luminance pass strangely overhead.

It moved across the neighbor's  
cock-fighting pit, towards the plaza.  
In sync with the contours

of Cholula, it floated up and down,  
silently gliding over the terrain,  
through a sky flecked  
with lightning. Gently cruising

among old churches  
and stuccoed buildings  
of Cholula, the light disappeared

near the volcano,  
Popocatepetl,  
where Cortés lowered men

to find sulfur for gun powder.