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Gratuitous gardens of scrawny sunflowers,
purple asters, prickly poppies,
and goldenrod blaze the roadsides.

Thousands of outcast flowers
bloom their scruffy hearts out
for the pleasure of insignificant
butterflies that hover
like unstemmed flowers above
the tethered petals.

Brash as in-your-face
little kids who never know
when enough's enough,
they scribble the summer fields
crayon-bright, tucking
stowaway seeds
in the wind's pockets

making certain their next
and yet the next
generations of brazen waifs
inherit the earth.



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