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A Place Called Love

after Rumi

In a faraway valley
hidden from hate and prejudice,
there is a meadow
lush with lupine and larkspur.

If you yearn for love;
pack only what you can carry
and meet me there—
Hope will show you the way.

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