

**Gradient**

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an orchid  
permits light

reveals tiny  
entanglements

offers space within  
space, a place

a yellow chair  
curved under white

magenta stripes  
blotted dark—purple

stains paper petals  
that hang in wait

for pollinators—  
there's a soft place

to rest, if one is able  
to become that small