



purple is an upstart  
stretching and flexing  
and profiling.  
purple chimpanzees  
swinging from each new idea.  
killing mockingbirds  
little chirping freshman —  
with 12 angry looks.  
dodging hallway biology  
and practicing geometry  
on combination locks  
that still confound seniors.  
it's not exactly a primary  
color  
and it's not popping out  
with passion — yet.  
it's bright! and  
promising . . . and brash!  
purple  
it has a way of growing on  
you  
like sophomores.

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