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Pathology as Art

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Frozen section slides
are stained with
crystal violet

fluorescent green over
yellow birefringence,
silver fiber and carbol fuchsia.

And isn't that a poem?
Pink wrapping blue?
Membranes dipped

with color, outlines
of stained glass against
the lightboard?

Rosettes forming rose
windows, hyaline encasing
ruby erythroid casts

to fill the body's smallest
gallery. These masterful
arrays of streak and grain

microscopic tapestries
with fine features
on gallant display

blueprints that hold
far more than just
a pattern and an answer.
