

SIGNS OF SPRING

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After X. J. Kennedy

The world is trying on new clothes
and buying everything she sees.
She pulls suede cattails past her knees,
laces the reeds, and strikes a pose.

She grabs minis in moss and rose,
petal pushers, floral tees.
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She draws the willow's curtain closed
while salesgirls quick as honey bees
dart in with sun-bleached dungarees.
Who's paying for this stuff, Lord knows.
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