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If you laid out a tapestry
 of places you've visited in your life

would your pattern
 be plaid, flowery, striped,

triangular or circular,
 with no beginning or ending or all boxed in?

Perhaps one is better than the other—
 linear with no start or finish

but then again, there might
 not be a survival pattern

like those purple pajamas
 caressing this body which once was.

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