

**Patterns of Our Lives**

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.