

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.