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*I went looking for magnolia flowers
But I didn't find 'em.
-Langston Hughes*

in parks, on a walk, I have spotted flowers I did not know and called them magnolias. I have never seen a magnolia tree spread her transient bosom across five feet of thick green ground when she wakes in the spring. I have lived in cities, but without big names. still, I know enough names to play at keeping up, to play at looking nice and knowing all about magnolias being quaint; being known.

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