THE CROWN JEWELS OF Colorado
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Examine each of the jewels and see which one it is that you like best.

There's **amethyst** mountains with **alabaster** peaks.
Or turquoise lakes and crystal creeks.
Try sparkling **diamond** stars dancing through an **obsidian** night.
Or *carnelian* soil illuminated by ribbons of *silver* moonlight.
Enjoy the onyx silhouettes of livestock grazing toward a cobalt night.
Or laden fruit trees of **bloodstone** with their **ivory** blossoms bright.
There’s **aquamarine** waterfalls cascading into **pearly** spray.
Or bauxite aspen trees reaching upward to meet the coming day.
Picture ruby sunsets and the coral dawns you see
Turning *moonstone* snowdrifts into a *garnet* reality.
There’s **emerald** conifers and even the pale **peridot** plains
Opal lighting streaks in pewter clouds during a summer rain.
Imagine days of sapphire skies and topaz sun
Over jade buffalo grass where the antelope run,
Watch a cinnabar river flowing through hematite canyons so deep.
Reaching the **malachite** croplands or the prairie’s **golden** wheat.
Yet many prefer the **fool’s gold** glitter of a metro city, 
Missing much of the beauty and that’s a real pity.
Not to see the land where the copper Native Americans once did roam
That ‘crown of jewels’ called Colorado --- the place that I call home.
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