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In the Flint Hills  
when walking, touch  
the bluestem half-  
way down the blade  
to feel a finished thought  
not yet in words.

Wait for squirrels  
to make it halfway  
up the cottonwoods  
before approaching, and  
don't look for redemption.

In these hills,  
you make your own.

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