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Since you moved away,
the tame edges

of our home town
have grown wild.

Every year, we prop
framework

of what remains—
yet bedrooms and barns,

even schoolrooms
soften from decay—

compost for prairie
reclaiming its place.

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