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Dusk
Kristin Goering

THE ART OF PRESERVING

The wind it whispers as
It dances on the waters of
Barefoot days spent on
Rocky shores with
A lonely sunflower as its witness

Be still and listen
For the memories of
Lessons in joy followed
As sure as a second trails
An hour. Make time

For walks in the sun
Dipping toes in creek beds
Following long-forgotten trails
Among the rolling hills
Of green and brown

Grasses that tickle the
Skin of passers-by – bystanders
To the glory of nature.
Roots run as deep as
Their beginnings. Remember

Where you come from
Land preserved by tradition
Tried and true as the
Smoke coming off the prairies.
Embrace the flame

This is nature in its
Purest form. Untouched
By progress, industrialism, or
Man's idle hands.

Creation – Beautification – Preservation.

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