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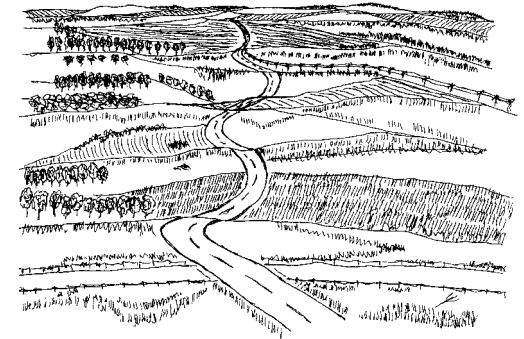
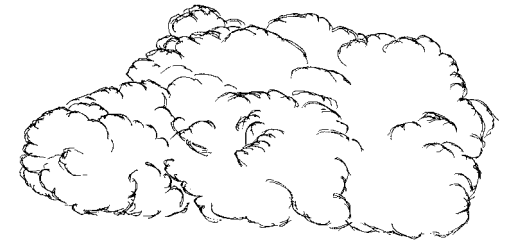
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## An Older Promise

And still the land  
beckons,  
promising  
a day,  
a week,  
a lifetime  
on the road,  
where sunlight and shadows  
play leapfrog, somersaulting  
across the prairie, which has not forgotten  
to outstretch its hands  
to the weary-souled,  
who long  
for the fields'  
long beds,  
and, beyond their solace,  
for the grasses  
that grow  
on the other side  
of gated  
paradise.



## Winter Gifts

A blade of grass,  
yellowed and dry,  
blows onto my blue  
scarf,  
blessing the wind  
that hurls it down,  
then plants it  
in my heart.

## Making Room for Laughter

The black-leafed  
plum tree,  
where last summer  
ardent bees  
flourished,  
has split  
and grown  
sickly,  
with withered  
branches  
and shriveled  
leaves;  
and though no golden bees  
now crown it  
with their haloes,  
the July sunlight  
still seeks it out,  
to nest  
in its open arms,  
its empty honeycomb  
with a gaping smile  
and a sweet tooth.



## Second Hand Blessings

The wind  
has given  
my minister neighbor  
my autumn leaves,  
the gold  
and the glory,  
and the burden  
of collecting  
his windfall –  
standing  
above the fiery-eyed  
carpet,  
he leans upon his rake  
and sighs,  
then, smiling,  
lifts up his voice  
in a mighty  
hymn of praise.



## Prairie Fire

A soft night  
on the cusp  
of winter  
gentles  
the air  
into a bouquet  
borne  
by a breeze,  
an evening  
calling card  
from an out-of-town  
suitor.



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