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Corn town,
 aquilinity seeded
 deep. Savanna
surrounds timid
 center, prairie
 grass burlesque
when wind
 brews. Jazz
 remnants collide
with stretched
 sky, electrified,
 split in
pieces, crashing
 in magenta
 fugue. Fireflies
prowl, fruit flies
 gather around
 wine-drenched
mouths, thumb-
 sized cicadas
 carpet patios,
whir greetings
 to late-night
 homecomers.

Even the
 smell of
 shoe polish
wafting from
 the basement
 hums a
private fantasy,
 nestling in
 the rust
of the porch
 swing's chain,
 aphasic gaze.