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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.