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Tucked away
within the oaks
daffodils outline
the remnant
of a homestead.

A gravel road
winds to a stop
at the gate, a
rock fence marks
their isolation.

The family, like
the house, is gone
but spring returns
in new grass by
the cracked foundation.

Dogwood buds
frame the yard
in colors where
children once voiced
a future.

Their absence echoes
in the wind,
speaks still,
defines them at play,
at work.

The barn resists—
brindled timbers dissolve
clinging
to each other
even as they falter.



*Photo (detail) by Joel
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