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I'm a plain-spoken man, Lavinia,  
and a widow out here alone,  
has but three choices:  
move back to her kin, agree  
to the unthinkable, or remarry.  
Your family's passed on,  
and Miss Jezebel's establishment  
ain't for a minister's widow.

Reverend didn't leave you  
Comfortable, though I'll not soil  
his memory, some accusing  
he had a wandering eye,  
and then some.

I could kneel and spout poetry,  
like that murderer Sprockett,  
who, I'll bet knows more  
about Reverend's death  
than even I could get out of him.  
But poetry's not my honest  
way of courting.

Like I said, I'm not given  
to Shakespeare-speeches,  
just to saying  
what's in my heart,  
and my heart's calling to you.

