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Rusted spots patched, cab and bed painted,  
new tires, engine overhauled by hand:  
    a Born Again truck  
the old man baptized and polished  
with Turtle Wax.

He's a drive-by mower: scouts out  
some widow who needs to be saved  
from an ocean of cresting grass  
    and whale-sized shrubs  
threatening to swallow her house.  
Her widow's mite,  
    a home-cooked meal.

When the truck revvs its last hallelujah,  
he'll pray Amen and tow it to the dump,  
    sure as his own salvation  
that only its body is being trashed.



*Photo by J. Stoffers*

