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GRASSLAND'S SUNSET

by Jim Butler

Shadows stretching eastward from yucca's stiletto.
The longspur's trembling twilight falsetto.
Over the fragrant bouquet of a gentle Bordeaux,
A fading sun ignites the grasslands so they glow
In burning waves of orange, then finally indigo.

Fantasies indulge as landscapes embrace shadow
In ghostly wagon wheel squeaks and oxen bellow,
Mounds slowly winding of great herds of buffalo
And a presence still felt of the ancient Arapaho.
Magic lives here in twilight's afterglow.