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A tangle of gray bark
under a fringe of silver foliage
where the wild sage grows
beside a tangle of rusting wire
barbed and lethal

A bob-white whistles from the sumac thicket
stirred by a breath of prairie wind
blowing over a broken land
red with iron
and flecks of quartz

Under the black-jack, a young girl
old before her age
searches a distant horizon with pale eyes
and catches falling brown leaves
that tumble in the air ■

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