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I hadn't planned to die
here on this mesa
gray with gypsum.
Come to think of death,
I hadn't before.
So why today, here
where the desert wind
sandblasts the sagebrush.
What invitation to ash
begs this moment?
When the sun does set,
I must remind myself
that the moon is not
the source of the light,
but only a reflection
we can never truly see.■