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Alfalfa sweetness scented the air,
Bolls of cotton for clothes to wear.

Coyote cries wailing through the night,
Daily chores in dawning light.

Evening breezes quenching the heat,
Fields of golden, waving wheat.

Grassy pastures with trickling creeks,
Hills with rocky, sagebrush peaks.

Indian blanket spreading wild,
Jagged mountains, granite-styled.

Kaleidoscopic evening skies,
Lightning sparked by fireflies.

Mistletoe of living green,
Native American dancing scene.

Oil wells with a beating sound
Prairie dogs hidden underground.

Quiet rivers running deep,
Red-clay canyons, narrow and steep.

Scissortails flitting from tree to tree,
Tornadoes threatening severity.

Untamed winds of raging ire,
Vibrant flaming creek campfire.

Windmills whirring with soothing lulls,
X, a brand burned onto bulls.

Yuccas in the burning sand,
Zeal for living in a wonderful land!

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