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Upon these ruins sunlight plays
makes green the site of other days
when family hands preserved with care
the red stone house then standing here.

Thick sandstone walls two stories high
staunchly the elements defy,
with vacant squares like staring eyes
their roof replaced by western skies.

Where wild grass grows was once a floor,
empty rectangle was a door.

Brave remnant of the bygone times,
inside the walls the ivy climbs. ✨



Photograph by Lisa Bradford

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