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The Patriarch

By Wenona L. Dunn

He alone remains
of his contemporaries;
For all the rest have long since gone.
He yet lives
in his little house
Which for so long has been his home.

He's aware that life
is only temporary;
So he can tell (and we should heed)
Of those things
which truly count--
A cheery word, a kindly deed.

Though sight and hearing
sometimes are quite contrary,
His heart and mind are eager still.
He at times
writes a cheerful verse
About the wind or songbird's trill.

Though his strength and health
are both so momentary,
His ninety years have brought insight
into life,
and he's learned to trust
The One who keeps us by His Might.

(written for Uncle Dick Chapman on April 12, 1977)

A Prairie Miracle

By Pat Kourt

Winds dust the gray-brown prairie with whirling,
stinging grit.
Sunflowers surrender meekly to gusty afternoon
heat blasts.
Quail cluster innately to their temporary prairie-
grass nests.
Cottonwoods hover expectantly along cracked, dry
creek beds.
Clouds congregate quickly, becoming powerful
charcoal threats.

Suddenly. . .

Thunderheads explode frigid hailstones onto the
scorched earth.
Rain sheets design a network of minute rivers
and waterfalls.
Lightning bolts flash hurried cues to massive,
growling thunder.
Coolness calms the escaping heat to refresh patches
of wild clover.
Sunshine breaks boldly through weakening clusters
of showers.
A prairie miracle. . .

God blessing the land to His glory!

