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MATRIARCH VENERATED

— Pat Kourt

Standing majestically--whirling, wooden blades
cutting through the dewy sunrise,
The matriarch of the prairie guards her pasture and
sage with an aged eye of authority.
Depending upon God's bristling breezes to supply
her daily power and energy,
She offers soothing water to dusty, parched acres
of red, bawling cattle.
Her rhythmical humming is melodious routine despite
an occasional arthritic creaking of her vane.
Taller, more statuesque than any cottonwood or
graying, decaying barn,
This silver-crowned lady echoes a noble past fused
into a powerful, progressive present--
For she is truly the venerable matriarch of the
prairie--the ageless windmill.

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