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Poetic Glimpses

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Coexistence

hot arid wind
dries the sweat
from the cowboys' shirts
as they herd the cattle
back to the range

hot arid wind
dries branded wounds
on the cattle hides
as they shuffle nervously
back to the range

— poetic glimpses at Western
Oklahoma ranching —

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OKLAHOMA NOW

A hereford rubs
against an oil derrick
before he saunters over
to the shiny steel stanchion
enticed by perfect cubes of
sweet protein
put out by a cowgirl
in alligator boots
driving a cadillac.

Ranching ain't what it used to be.

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Midnight

Moon, full bright
fills the spaces
between black shapes

Leaves shuffle like
susurrus voices
tattling on critters moving there

Eerie oak fingers creep
across the windowpane
and shudders spasm up my spine

My heart pounds in tune
with howling night scavengers
slinking nearer

Soft pleading coos of night owls
cannot shut out the cry
of a rabbit caught

Invisible wind moves
the shapes about
and I tremble

Praying for the peaceful
night in the country
to end