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Familiar standings guide me:
old barns painted rusty brown,
prairie grasses lingering in black dirt,
that black dirt smelling like corn yet to come
gathering up in the blades,
gathering up in the plows in the hands
of the old-timers in their overalls
of blue and white.

Farm trucks and Amoco,
Road House Country Dance Club
and the Stardust motel,
old trailer on a gravel road
with a peppered dog and two chickens
in a pen facing the wind
then I know only one more mile and I am
home.