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## Book of Absence

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BOOK OF ABSENCE

My book of worry will remember you—

this is not a book of states, but just try to say the word *Nebraska* without looking up:

here –

but *here* sky and ground in steel and sky consumed snow      I am not concerned with the touches  
of light and pink, but the sinking into the closer to blue

it is what it is but I need perspective

This place where you can see mountains is not a mountain,  
perched tree perched barn they have been  
here before I left circles on plains before I knew you after you stopped

*please* just say it plain

I wrote this on a glacier, once      I have thinned time before

steel leaves out the stars and by saying color you can see it  
steel blue steel grey steel my eyes from the border of sky

this is the afterimage of a song, not the song  
I name it snow