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## The Girl East of the Rockies

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On the Great Plains she wanted an ocean  
not this melancholy farm anchored in wheatfields.  
Ranchers who paid for her drinks  
knew nothing of bonefish at mudbottom.  
She danced for the sharks, waving the rescuers  
back. Her silk dress ruined their crops and the mouth  
of the muscular Yellowstone dammed by a swan's wing.

Under a bridge a fat catfish pouted.  
She tried to catch him with Mayflies, blue feathers,  
disdain. A girl from a farm east of the Rockies  
can be cold as a blizzard  
but under this bridge her breasts wanted music.