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The way I heard it
from the kitchen stool,
my feet hooked over a rung,
the story that gave me a shiver,
took place without love
in that field. She'd tired
of ranching, took off with the hymn
of the visiting preacher, lit out
on her husband and child.
But that wasn't the last of it.
She came back years later
to the same field, land
her married daughter ranched,
to park her pink trailer house
with a view of the mountains.
And maybe she sleeps without shame
in a herd of blue lupine,
humming hymns of the road.
A plains wind can turn us,
turn us all around.