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DUST BOWL WEDLOCK

A wake in wave of tall grass
ebbs as gently as newsprint
coiled around last year's
harvest. Mud and horsehair
shredded foundation
falls like cloth and dawns
the barn abandoned. Or
a marriage split by blistered
dusk, chalked dew and *Do
yourself a favor*. Warped
sashes splintered the view
of a quiet paper grass sea.