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The steepled church
with straggled gravestones,
like a watchful mother hen with chicks,
squats on a corner of the quarter section
of what was once the family farm.

And just on west
broods the house
where I was born and raised.