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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.