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## CHILDREN IN A LANDSCAPE

I. They move  
through buffalo grass  
and big blue stem.

They smudge  
sage in their hair  
and toss  
purple gayfeathers  
in the wind.

They remember  
ghosts of  
Dakota relatives;  
dogs and coyotes  
yipping  
at their heels.

They trudge  
across wide  
prairie meadows  
rubbing  
against longing  
and endless sky.

II. Their hearts curve  
in the James River Valley,  
along the Milky Way,  
and into the arms of God.

World without end,  
amen.

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