Children in A Landscape (Poem)

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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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