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## Fence Siblings

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## **Fence Siblings**

In the sage brush desert  
a fence post alone  
stretches rusty barbed wire  
fingers searching for siblings  
touch to secure generations  
in a straight line joined  
tight in cordoned acres  
like “Red Rover, Red Rover  
send Billy right over” strong  
against the world intent  
on barging through without notice  
except for a pant leg ripped,  
and skin scored blood red  
by a lone fence post grabbing  
with barbed-wire nails.

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