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1.

Times in the morning early  
when it rained and the long gray  
buildings came forward from darkness  
offering their windows for light.

2.

Evenings out there on the plains  
when sunset donated farms  
that yearned so far to the west that the world  
centered there and bowed down.

3.

A teacher at a country school  
walking home past the great marsh  
where ducks came gliding in—  
she saw the boy out hunting and waved.

4.

Silence on a hill where the path ended  
and then the forest below  
moving in one long whisper  
as evening touched the leaves.

5.

Shelter in winter that day—  
a storm coming, but in the lee  
of an island in a cover with friends—  
oh, little bright cup of sun.