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Kansas Vignettes

By GLEN BAKER

I

(Kaw Valley)

The moon rode over the hill  
A tall sunflower,  
The Kaw is a silver veil  
Waiting the bridal hour.

Longing has gripped my heart,  
Stolen my sight;  
I am a blind man walking  
Alone through the night.

II

(Tonganoxie)

Oh, for the rising sun  
Over the hills of home,  
A martin soaring upward  
Into a rosy dome.

Oh, for the peaceful nights,  
And a mocking bird that sings,  
How can I go seeking sleep  
Remembering unspoken things?

III

(Mount Oread)

Brown hills—an autumn sky,  
And old elms towering high  
Above the passing throng,  
Over the spires old  
In clouds of gold—  
I hear a song.

Blackly, shimmering down  
To the ground  
With rustling wings;  
Then high and clear,  
Far and near,  
The blackbird sings.