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Thoughts on Returning to New Mexico

By EDITH BLESSING

A hardy spirit only can survive
Assaults of nature's grandeur. Stretch of plain,
The ever changing colors, cruel heat
And crueler cold: the timeless silent rocks,
The wind-swept sand, wild torrents or parched drought,
All dwarf the days of man beyond respect.

The savageness of men man comprehends.
The blasting torrents nature hurls remain
Unfathomable.

Go back to man-made cities, timid souls!
In power over men revive your hearts.
Count off your little hours, your little years,
Thinking them something.

Only the strong
Of spirit can accept, embrace and love
The overwhelming beauty of the world.

The Gossip

By GLEN BAKER

Not having very much to do
She's given to imputations,
She dearly loves to stretch the truth
And discredit reputations:

She moves about from morn till night
Visiting among her neighbors—
Because her hands are idle now
The devil has found her labors!