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On Returning to New Mexico  
(After being away eight years)

By FREDERICK JOHNSON ROWAN

And this, dear heart, is what we used to know . . .  
I wonder only that it seems the same,  
leaving unanswered that which is but a name  
for youth's bright seeing, youth's ephemeral glow.  
All else the same—the sun, the air, the slow  
and savage-colored days . . . the nights that claim  
feeling untouched before . . . the changing flame  
of shadows on the mesa, row on row.  
How quick it was . . . How recklessly we took  
those sun-filled days. Few memories remain  
of you . . . of what you were . . . except the look  
that said those days might never come again.  
Still . . . still the same. I wonder . . . can it be  
that you have left this legacy for me?

Readjustment

By GLEN BAKER

Once she was flint and he was steel  
Together they struck fire,  
And met and blended in the flame  
Of pinnaced desire.

But now the flame has dwindled down  
To one lone glowing ember,  
They've found there's more in life than any  
Fire their hearts remember.