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# Gossip

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GOSSIP

People open up like doors  
onto the blowing prairie

with its gorse, its fever ticks,  
and the tricks a twister plays:

setting a child in a buffalo wallow  
and her crib in a willow upriver.

People open up and a whoosh  
of their weather untethers

dark lilacs, a moon so full  
it splits in two, a cold spell

that drives mice into the heart  
of the hay. Maps map zip

on this frontier. The world  
is aswirl in Wyle E. Coyote

fake roads. Sunflowers  
spin like Ezekiel's wheels,

like doorknobs on portals  
swinging to let in Lord

knows what: a dangerous  
pollen count, airborne toads,

the sense of being stunned  
and swept off your own land.