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Fence Siblings

In the sage brush desert
a fence post alone
stretches rusty barbed wire
fingers searching for siblings
touch to secure generations
in a straight line joined
tight in cordoned acres
like “Red Rover, Red Rover
send Billy right over” strong
against the world intent
on barging through without notice
except for a pant leg ripped,
and skin scored blood red
by a lone fence post grabbing
with barbed-wire nails.

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