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nirvana

sitting cross-legged on the hill,
his robes glowing ripe-peach auburn
from the jaded sun on his right,
he delights.

Slowly, he bends forward;
every inch a crow-flown mile,
each foot a hundred li,
stretching out an open palm and
gently stroking the swaying grass.

slightly clouding the sun a young
blue-eyed boy approaches and
watches without interest,

as the old man calmly curls his finger in the turf,
and peacefully touches it
to the earth.

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