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Poetry
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Walking along
Rows of fenceposts
Weathering
Against gray, clouded skies

Remembering years past
Friends of youth
Sinking
Under new memories

Seeing finally
The falsehood of an old truth
Exposed
Atop newfound insight

The adage
"You can never go home"
Is untrue
Memories remain constant as people
change

Lighting the way back
With shining faces of long ago
The mind, without ever moving
Returns