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The County Home

Part II: Moses

*Moses hanged himself
in the barn
hushup hushup
don't talk in front of the child*

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*Moses' face
large and soft
with slanty eyes
some wispy hair
on his crown*

*great chunks for hands
dirt-ground fingers
always rubbing
a crinkled
wrinkled blue shirt*

*He snapped suspenders
fast but the sure
weight of his hand
on my head
dead calm*

*Around the table
where the farmhands fed
Moses was the kindest
but his eyes said
he was somewhere else*

*where he was headed
I guess
hushup hushup
when he slung the cart-rope
over the barnbeam*

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