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Poetry: The County Home: Part II: Moses

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

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