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A hay rake's rusted
tine skeletal
grin in hay-shorn
field. Only a smile
remains, thin stained
teeth, gapped and grim,
fluttered by frail
yellow wings under
a pale blue sky.
Moon rises and mists
shroud, haunt
from horse's stomp
and nickers, await
someone to tell
the story of a tall
thin man in overalls
to grip reins,
run them again
across this fallow field.