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On the stone wall
you can barely make out
sounds from the barn dance.

The full moon
tosses light on the broken see-saw
outside the sliding doors.

It was made by someone's father
not yours.

From outside
the strike of a fiddle cues the dew
as it begins to cling to each blade of grass
like I know you cling to images of the back of
their heads as they walked away -
to their rusted pickup trucks or motorcycles
or simply took a right out your door and walked.