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I have heard the wind howl,  
Several times in several days,  
Far off lonely intensely as wolves.  
It fills me with a longing  
For the plains and flowing tallgrass,  
Meat and the hunt.

I awake startled  
Half in, half out  
All is eerie at 4 am . . .  
The howling . . .  
Shivering glass . . .  
The thought of wolves.

Candles burn to stubs  
In awkward inattentiveness  
Dozing . . . "Fall of America" in hand,  
Wake to find  
A beard has grown . . . nails are long . . .  
A drawn howl of confusion.

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