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My wife never stops shaping
our yard. I measure my age
by skeleton bushes and trees
that failed to thrive. Wild
roses stolen from pasture
remember the prairie
and expand to recapture
what once was theirs,
with little pricks
in the fabric of time.
Now she prunes, nips spring
against unruliness.
When buds begin to appear,
she grows a pile of clipped
branches, a bias for new sprouts.
I worry she may one day finish
with the yard and start on me.