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The rain has quietly stopped.
The dark dips a cup

into the bucket of evening,
pulling out stars.
The sky is clearing.

The last row
of cows depart

like rain-sodden Magi.

Even bright Venus,
high above the range, looks wet
as the grass

in fading fields.
The muddy track
leads only

out
away from the lights
of the bare shed
into the growing darkness

where the land is never below
our dreams.