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Summer held a spark, descending
each creaky step
in my old house

The memories of
humid afternoons, running and hiding
in the corn

Bright Sunday mornings
trying to ignore my mother's call
time for church

To destroy this place
would be to steal a part
of me

It must remain
no matter the cost
each piece

Even the pigeon bones.