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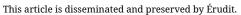
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Breezes bend the sheaves of wheat, stirring

words I can't retrieve. The stalks

lean, the spikes list.
Why did I count on memory?

The words were good—

I should have written them when I could.

A boy appears on the road, alone,

strolling near the wheat. I want to ask him: *Where is your father,*

your mother? Instead, I bend

and list. He picks up rocks and caches them—

like a hobbyist—in his pockets.

He must sense something in-between the sheaves. He

reaches out

to touch the circumambient wordless wind.

Ru-ach: The Hebrew noun ru-ach (רוח) can refer to breath, wind, or some invisible moving force, as in spirit.