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***Ru-ach***

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A Reviewer of B. W. Powe's *Ladders Made of Water*

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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 circum-

ambient wordless wind.

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