

Quilt

It is batting and backing
 shires and townships—
it is the congruence of
 sapphire river and turquoise sky
 emerald wood and the russet
 of newly turned soil—
it is where fox and woodchuck
 go to ground—
where we meditate
 we commune
 sow the seed—
where first laughter erupts
 and final groan is uttered—
it is the guarantee of warm air
where rye, wheat, barley, oats flourish—
it is a republic of remnants.

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