Patchwork

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The fields south of Salt Lake Must be old.
From the air, in October,
They lie barren, empty,
Browned with age;
And now and again
Ripped
Where a gully tears
A corner.
Perhaps spring
Will mend them
With threads of green.

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