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A faded gray ribbon, parting the golden sea,

Punctuated by white-washed farmhouses.

Skeletal Fords displayed proudly on cinder blocks on the front lawn,

Their rusty armor camouflaged in the dying grass

Sunlight dancing on silvery silos draws the eye and breaks the monotony

Small towns spring up amid the firs,

Like young plants thrusting themselves desperately into the light.

The highway widens from two lanes to four and then six.

The towns grow into suburbs.

The barns become strip malls.

The forests, fields, and hills shrink away.

As we advance on the city, the faint tint of smog becomes apparent in the cloudless sky.