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WIND AND STEEL

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A real wind blew
the freight horn with it
over undulating fields and
against frosted windows.
the rhythmic diesel rumble,
a mechanical punctuation —
 as if such a wind needed
 emphasis —
pressing panes with a firm
metallic touch.

Cold and Heavy,
the night pulled steadily,
then slowed by gusts,
then pulled again
 past twisting signs
 and
 flying things
that once had a place —
yet she sleeps so soundly.
She doesn't hear me fall
 off the edge
away from her calm breath
and voodoo hair. She didn't hear
the freight horn blow tonight.