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FARMER'S SUPPLEMENT

The rotten post lies on the green of the other side.
Rusted wire breaking, but clinging,
holds to keep a purpose.
Nearby, the green stops abruptly, outlining
the rainbow flashing blacktop.
There lies the broken Hindu god
across the broken fence.
A bucket rolls on muddy, barren ground.
Hands that often grasped the teat
hang limp beside worn Dee Cees.
The weathered farmer entrenched against the
ever coiling snake
watches Betsy lying dead.
A hungry cat licks the empty pail.

—Larry McDonald