



**Middle of December**

The day goes by  
the wheat fields  
& the junk yards  
& the clotheslines  
& the sky scrapers  
and over the hills  
to Grandmother's house  
where they sit around  
the kitchen table  
with milk & cookies  
constructing next  
year's calendar

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