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## FENCE POSTS AND CHIMNEYS

I am always  
intrigued  
by fence posts and chimneys  
sticking out of grassy fields  
or shallow lakes  
they have an air  
of absolute inanity  
of senseless  
grace and wonder  
why they were put there  
what other existence  
dictated their necessity  
pure whimsy  
it seems to us  
we cannot know  
which boundary  
they marked  
whose house the centre of  
signs now  
to those who notice  
marking a place  
even though  
the world has shifted  
more than inches  
turning on some slow circumference  
like an overlay  
of time wrought  
finely  
above the surface  
of things that  
will always be  
deep down  
in the guts of it