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THE CAKE MIX ERA

The farm is a dehydrated cake mix
boxed as organically clean
a healthy choice,
where a windmill redirects
a full-bellied lung of sky
a dam is a wide mouth
of cattle drink and Ibis stalking,
where the grass is ripple-combed
and shampooed with the sheen
of approaching harvest.

It's a fixture scene,
can be reprinted
 recoloured light/dark
more words, less logo,
whichever
whatever the consumer dollar
suggests.

The trickery bit is instruction
number one:

Just add water

but the rivers are tickle
the clouds dehydrated
and the cows melted down
for storage
as butter.