

Legacy II

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Grandfather never went to school
spoke only a few words of English

a quiet man; when he talked
talked about simple things

planting corn or about the weather
sometimes about herding sheep as a child

One day pointed to the four directions
taught me their names

El Norte

Poniente Oriente

El Sur

He spoke their names as if they were
one of only a handful of things
a man needed to know

Now I look back
only two generations removed
realize I am nothing but a poor fool
who went to college

trying to find my way back

to the center of the world
where Grandfather stood
that day

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