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Tony Reeve

Emmett

Tutwiler, Mississippi

was dressed
here, sent on home.

The storefront,
collapsing under
its own weight,
bears a new
historical marker.

Rain floods down;
scattered, fallen bricks
glisten.

At the corner
by US 61,
the last gas
station
open in town

is crowded with folks
sitting
under the awning.

Beyond it, tracts
of abandoned houses,
then the flat fields

where a huge tractor
rumbles,
working the crop.