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# Emmett

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**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.