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The men seem worried.

They remind me of ropes.

Their arms seem pulled long

by a repetitive motion they

don't want to talk about.

Lines from a ripping seem

etched in their armpits.

Black marks cloud

the back of their hands

like bad fortunes.

Thin bones push out

purple veins in their faces.

Their jeans are all wrong.

Their plaid shirts make you think

they once fit a fuller body.

They stare out far.

Frozen lakes and green-blue sky

is what we think

they're thinking of.

But they are really wondering

why we let them go.

All those summers.

Out there.

To all those fields.

Alone.

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