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-Karin Carr

There's a neighborhood that once made me cringe.
A place I thought was cold and hard.
Between city and suburb it's merely a hinge;
Just multiple houses all sharing one yard.
Not parted by grand river or babblin' brook,
But, railroad track and freight train clatter.
I could have taken a closer look;
To an outsider, though, it doesn't matter.
It's a blue collar haven, not especially poor.
There's an ugly, looming, water tower
Now seen daily at my door.
But springtime yards are all plants and flower,
So the sidewalks each day, I continue to roam,
As house after house, becomes home after home.