

## Map Ref. 41°N 93°W

Wire

n unseen ruler defines with geometry  
An unrulable expanse of geography  
An aerial photographer over-exposed  
To the cartologist's 2D images knows  
The areas where the water flowed  
So petrified, the landscape grows  
Straining eyes try to understand  
The works, incessantly in hand  
The carving and paring of the land  
The quarter square, the graph divides  
Beneath the rule a country hides

Interrupting my train of thought  
Lines of longitude and latitude  
Define and refine my altitude

The curtain's undrawn  
Harness fitted, no escape  
Common and peaceful, duck, flat, lowland  
Landscape, canal, canard, water coloured

Crystal palaces for floral kings  
A well-known waving span of wings  
Witness the sinking of the sun  
A deep breath of submission has begun