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Anne Fritz asked me  
for an artistic statement  
& I replied: *I need a sense of place  
before I feel its line & color.*

You'd think it wouldn't take long here,  
that expression would be easy

in this ocher-grey, on this land  
that balances beauty between steel and water.

It isn't the curve of dunes or grain  
or the jet-blue coils from rolling mills

that bundle up those private moments  
we do not want, or can't afford.

But the hard light, and dark-line,  
the kind even a deKooning couldn't bend,

the kind that drove Pollock in his death-Buick  
to the tangle of his vision.

The truth is that here,  
lines roll up inwardly,

while our colors look like dark suns,  
dipped in acid.

-William K. Buckley