

## Enemy

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Gray day, dry day. A front  
blowing in hard from the west. Good Friday. My walk to church  
winds through construction. Dirt work.  
Earth-breaker. Earth-mover. Huge blade  
peeling the ground, scalping caliche to level a wild field for building.

Billowing dust fogs the road ahead of me until the man in a silver hat  
pressing and tilting the joysticks sees me  
and pauses to let me pass  
so the wind will not choke me.  
He waves, I wave, our two hands  
tearing the veil between us.