

# Where Does Binding Theory Apply?

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For my late father, Charles, and my mother, Lillian

For Father

He is one of the level headed,  
and I have been led  
past an old barn, an old shed,  
into an equilibrium.  
In the middle of this pasture,  
he is one sure man,  
in the center aging faster  
and faster, in the sun;

This is the grass he grew,  
these his childhood homes,  
the green and blue  
of his earth and sky  
come together here. Father:  
this is a strange settling  
for you, in the water  
of newer homes.  
This land is yours  
to balance under your feet,  
to spread and steady; it pours,  
it leaks, it runs.

—Deborah Lebeaux

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