Monumental Recognition
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Walked worn trail. Tree lined foot path overlook
led toward ridge and gnarled edged rock.¹
This ground ‘we’ natives scan viewing ‘our’ past
savage battle² shimmers in Autumn
heat. Is it Prophet’s vision of ³

Toils of agrarian community
foregone, return to native instinct? —
Predatory migration, or armed conflict:
Early morning battle—field . . . decimation?

The unpassionate flare of aggression
trampled his town⁴—north bank encampment.
We post monumental reenactment:⁵

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Indian loss unknown

and harvest corn fields. A mechanical drone,
while wind thru aisles of hand cut stone
markers, unsettles the cypress stand.

1 Prophet’s Rock
2 The Battle of Tippecanoe
3 Prophet’s vision to unite the Indian nation
   and return to their native way of life
4 Prophet’s Town
5 Sign on the Battlefield Monument