

This mesa plain had an appearance of great antiquity,
and of incompleteness; as if, with all the
materials for world-making assembled, the Creator
had desisted, gone away and left everything
on the point of being brought together, on the eve
of being arranged into mountain, plain, plateau.
The country was still waiting to be made
into a landscape.

Elephant and Camel Buttes, Monument Valley
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Dear Laura Gilpin,

We're happy to hear that your health
is improved - via Ernie Johanson. Had a
visit w/ them in ~~Presidents~~ in November
- in search of some Fall color. I hope
your Enduring Navajo is doing well.
We're planning a trip to Southern Arizona
in early Spring & hope to extend it to
Santa Fe, if possible & hope to see you then.
Ardis joins me in sending you our best
wishes for joy at this season & peace
in the New Year.

Philip Hyde

