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Carl Oltvedt (b. 1951), Spring Storm, 1984, acrylic on paper, 13 $\frac{3}{8}$ " x 16 $\frac{1}{4}$ "

LIKE THE RED RIVER VALLEY LANDSCAPE that inspired it, this picture is almost all sky. Carl Oltvedt had only to look out his window in Moorhead, where he has painted and taught for many years, to watch the drama of a prairie storm. Where a traveler may see only flatness, the land stimulates and inspires one who knows and loves it: "The constant changes of the sky in a particular area offer me an endless array of information for my pictures," Oltvedt says. The fresh greens of the earth below give a sense of scale to this painting and mark the season as springtime.

—Thomas O'Sullivan



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