

Brick Walled Garden

Green and clear sky with not too bright mid-afternoon glow
Exists in these states

The righteous might live here
In the ideal

Oregon, Montana, Washington, Wyoming
High above most high above
Oxygen is thin,
Louisiana and Florida
Slow slough hush-hush,
West Virginia
Open for business,
New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, New Jersey
Grey proud capitals
Birthed,
Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri
“Wake up drive to work and straight back home again,”
Arizona, Nevada, Utah, Texas, Kansas
Stake their solitary claim as kings of dust devils
And California has long forgotten its prospecting promises

Paradise
An anagrammist would say “a despair”