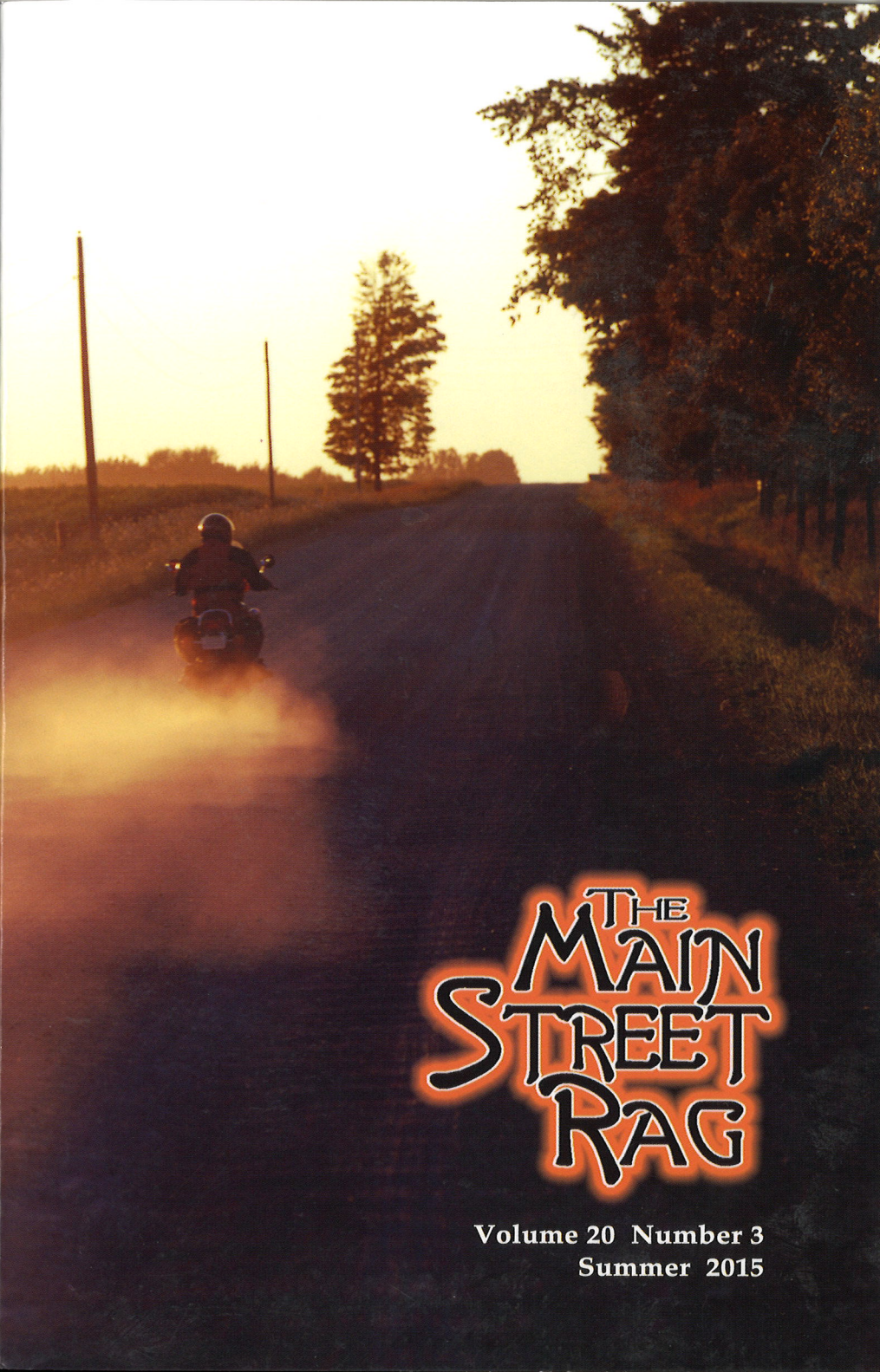


A person wearing a helmet and riding a motorcycle is seen from behind, traveling down a dirt road. The road is flanked by trees and grass. The sky is a warm, golden color, suggesting sunset or sunrise. The overall mood is peaceful and scenic.

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DEFINITION

It was how we sat in silence
for hours after dinner,
aware of our vocabulary,
hoarse after years of conversation,
and how that quiet fell
over us like the woolen
fog from the first days
of last September.

It was how I measured
the distance of your spine
with the cadence of my breath,
a careful cartography
of forearms, stomachs and backs.

It was how I carried the story
of you to this place, deep among
Red Maples and Meadow Voles,
a season between us, the miles
between each word saying enough.