On Holkestad Hill

On Holkestad Hill, we children played In the cattle tracks near the gnarled fence poles, Catching the grasshopper's wings in flight, And chasing the gophers back to their holes.

It must be deserted now that we're gone.
The gay child vices forever still.
Who picks the crocuses or slides in the snow
Down the long path on Holkestad Hill?



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