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Goosenecks of the San Juan

A window seat
Away from the wing.
A jet's eye view
From thirty thousand feet
Of Four Corners Country,
Indistinct distant shapes
In dirty browns and grays.

Then there they are,
A sidewinder track
Of dark cut curlicues,
God's own playful doodles
With water in the desert.

[The landform term is *entrenched meanders*;
which are the result of fairly rapid uplift of a flood plain
with a meandering river that then downcuts faster
than it can change course laterally. The 1000 ft deep
San Juan Goosenecks are one of the best examples
in the world. Their depth makes them quite visible
from high altitude.]

~ Gerald Alan Ney ~