Child Time

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Slow beyond slow

Except for Summer

School time

Slowest of all

Wooden desks and ABCs

Girls so strange

Beyond imagining

If I’d only known . . .

Even Mom was huge and

Dad was scary

Counter tops at the Dairy Queen

Way over my head and

Standing in church like

Being in a valley

Bikes and grass and woods

Summer heat

Sleeping in the hall

Outside their door

Window air conditioning

Cooling me to sleep

Big sister

Her room so grand

Too much to compete

Just not me

Drawings and toys

John Wayne and Davy

Dad’s great cooking

Mom worked in the sky

Child Time

So long ago

So long

Old man . . .