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BEFORE I DIE

Before I die I want to dream as a child, performing
playground tricks and chasing puppy dog tails.
Touching the clouds and kissing the full moon,
with my lips, to dance with angel dust, as a rainbow shines
my clocks, and soul rests my bones to keep till dawn's
waking light.

CHIPS

I will eat chips tonight, and dance in my cotton socks,
watching brushes paint my mirrors as music swamps my
ears. Content, as I smell the dew from mornings kiss lift my
spirits, as robins peer, and dovetail with my thoughts, as
they had at birth. The loneliness of the silence was as proud
as my dreams could imagine. Yay. I bet the bells are ringing,
and my ancestors are singing, as they raise a glass or two on
this wonderful day.

SCUFFED

Old scuffed shoes had walked the innocence from youth.
Sitting on park benches consumes away the lessons of time.
Reading into memories to remember friends, as bright as a
summer day, now somewhere over the hill. Fading eyes
blinked as droplets flooded old cheeks, entwined in days of
past dances and perilous boat rides to anywhere.

WAYS

As naughty ways were undressed, we felt so drenched and worn, to see the starlight yawning twinkle, with daylight rising dawn. Yet showers and shine were all too brief, as we abandoned our amorous play, and stepped outside to reset the clock, in our own distinguishable way.