

## Dust to Dust

Apple pie mornings,  
childhood scraped knee,  
take me away again.

Words spoken in secret  
to ears that won't hear  
rattle around in the wind.

Once upon a times  
don't exist anymore,  
the universe swallowed them whole.

Hand held friendships  
hopscotch off,  
chalk washed clean with tears.

Distant moves,  
letters few, then none.  
Woeful news arrives.

Missed laughter,  
tucked beneath the earth.  
Another venerable sidekick  
dances with the dust.



## Turncoat September

September is when we met.

Four years romanced.

September we were wed.

September was ours,

as leaves turned

and flowers faded,

love continued to grow.

September's resplendent sunsets.

Twenty three years of

autumn vacations

filled our pockets with

seashells and laughter.

Warm currents, cool breezes

called to us from grassed dunes.

Small shore birds

gamboling with the tide,

warm sun on bare shoulders,

sparkling light dancing

on waves, beckon no more.

Traitorous September storms

now besiege, ravaging paradise.

September took her from me.

Now motherless I mourn.

Her tender touch and wisdom gone.

Ages passed in minutes.

Tears no longer flow,

pain ceased, hers, not mine.  
Life follows loss behind a closed door.

September a turncoat  
brings sadness  
where once joy stood.  
Memories now ebb  
Into a distant mirage.  
Shifting tides and changing times,  
I say goodbye to September.



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