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## The First

*by Kevin Griffith*

It happened on a night like this,  
when winter is only happenstance  
and snow a nuisance,  
like eraser crumbs on a page.

We were just young; just drunk  
on red pop from plastic champagne  
glasses, and songs of the forties  
when we gathered in line  
behind a black-hooded troop of pines  
all wanting the same.

She was there. . . lips poised,  
thirteen, a child of the evening.  
And I waited,  
only to feel our mouths touch  
like dry sores;  
to kiss before I grew too old



*Untitled photo, by David Darling*