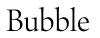
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COMMUNION

Ann Marie Newman

The shotgun blast of the screen door slapping shut Announces to the bright, sunny world the arrival of...ME! Hah-Hah! My eight-year-old legs leap off the top step in a single bound. I soar through the air down, down, down. My landing is muffled in the pillowy, green grass Surrounding grandma's farmhouse. Overcome by the delicious ecstasy of warm, crystal clear, sunlit air, I twirl, leap, and dance upon my bare toes like the Bolshoi ballerina I imagine myself to be in that very moment. With one final spinning leap I land, fall, and roll One, two, three times, Finally stilling spread-eagle on my back, Cradled by the grass whose silken blades Tickle my bare legs; they're welcome, gentle. Beneath the calming midday sun I rest beside Grandma's flower garden, Where my eyes are treated to a brilliant, polychromatic rainbow Of lusty blooms swaying in the breeze.

BUBBLE

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