

# HOLY CROSS POETRY WALK

## 14. Stairs leading from Hanselman to parking lot



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 PRETTY LITTLE  
 NECKLACE

Oh pretty little necklace  
 Gifted to a little girl  
 Forgotten in a little drawer  
 Pretty little necklace  
 Collecting dust and harmless mold  
 Friends with other forgotten gifts  
 Old bracelets  
 Figurines  
 Little dancing ballerina boxes  
 Supposed to hold jewelry  
 But tom girls have no reasons  
 To keep in mind pretty little things  
 Or care about gifts from relatives  
 She sees but once or twice a year

Pretty little necklace  
 Gifted to a little girl  
 Now a big girl  
 Looking through old photo albums  
 Dipping through old drawers  
 Trying to find those things from years ago  
 What was she all those years ago  
 Pretty little necklace  
 Needing dusting off  
 Needing washing in the sink  
 Needing polish for the shine  
 Lifted up to the light

Pretty little necklace  
 Hung at last around a neck  
 A little small for a grown woman  
 But  
 Then again  
 Fit just right  
 For a pretty little necklace  
 Finally worn  
 Beneath a smile  
 Just as pretty  
 Lovely  
 And bright

- Sophie Cassarino