

Fathers fear
daughters who grow
up, away from them

Tell themselves not
to cry (a man never does)
as he laughs at her
sunshine smile on
ivory mornings

Fathers are husbands are
happy lovers who
wake rudely from day
dreaming dreams when you say
people think it absurd
for a woman 2 years shy
of 30 to run
skipping
laughing loving everywhere she goes.

-- john h. foster, 3d.

Cape May NJ

Idling

Powerglide

I have huge wings
like an archangel.
It's time to swoop
over the glittering lake.
I walk from the kitchen
toward the sun deck
but bang one of my wings
on the sliding glass door.

He rolled down the car window
spit some syntax on the street --
something about the English
their teeth.

America

To find the stillpoint
in Crazyland:
to write from there.

Papa Bear

Most bedtime stories
continue for a little while
after the child is asleep.
Fathers sit in the dark
talking to themselves
about raccoons and bunnies.

-- Billy Collins

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