

GAMES

get over the end
zone score

get it thru the
hoop hole surrounded

by a skirt
a hole in one

shot all the
way go with the

right stick slam
it out of the ball

park don't let
your fly

ball get caught

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In Georgia a Vietnamese
family's playing
baseball under statues
of Confederate soldiers
noodles roast chicken

We have a Vietnamese
heart in an American
body In Miami

2 sisters with kohl
eyes giggle a
man who can't
speak English

smiles under a mustache
that's a smile itself
liberte liberte
each day liberte
each year liberte

BLACK SWEATER IN MAY

pulling the sun in close
that other May
the rose apple was
almost startling

I'd slept alone in
the west side of the
house sloped
ceiling across the bed
not wanting to hear
glass when a bottle
slammed thru it

The sun warmer
than hands it slid
thru the last
mounds of snow as the
man who made me blush
just sitting near me

was suddenly there I
hadn't seen him walking
toward where he'd
touch my shoulder
tell me the name for
the tree I'd thought
was dogwood pull

me toward his lit
warm room that
night when it was
black and the grass
was black wet a
sweet smell I don't
remember smelling
since

LIKE SO MUCH THIS SUMMER

the lawn chair is
collapsing slowly
plastic strands the
cat tore give away
five years after
the cat gave away