

Golden Anniversary

Frightened and smiling she could not lift her wedding dress.
He did not consider trying
Although he recalled the evening together they lifted the dress
Frightened and smiling.

The children were strong. Together they made the dress perform
Antics and capers in front of the mirrors
And laughing the youngest bore from the attic the form whose form
Remained unaltered.

They dressed the form in the crowded mirrors. They helped her
stand
Beside the man, and once more
The couple smiled behind the form with another stand
For the frightened photographers.

-- Hollis Summers

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Strawberries

How
do you say
how

strawberries smell? I want
a poem like strawberries

smell. Today
I want to give you

that, but how
do you say how
strawberries smell?
I'll tell you
what. Go

to the store and get
some. (On the way, you will
see things. I have

no idea what.
Last time I walked
out North