

## When The Ceiling Cries

*A mother tosses her infant so that it hits the ceiling.*

*Father says, why are you doing that to the ceiling?*

*Do you want my baby to fly away to heaven; the ceiling is there so that the baby will come back to me, says mother.*

*Father says, you are hurting the ceiling, can't you hear it crying?*

*So mother and father climb a ladder and kiss the ceiling.*

## A Lovely Man

*A man is such a lovely man; he really is if you'll only look past him into the flower garden.*

*Wait, shall he move so that you can look more fully into the garden?*

*Shall he die and be put under the flower garden to nourish beauty and never to be in the way of it again?*

## The Artifact

*Someplace is hidden because there is no one there --Where a leaf and a stone as eyes, with a twig as nose, and a squirrel's skeleton a mouth of teeth: look for a time up through the trees at the changing sky.*

*The wind blows a leaf away, one eye closes.*

*Someplace hidden because no one is there looks out of itself at the universe.*

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