

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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