

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