

A Visit to Grandma's House
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Not as often as I would like
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See the neglected garden, flowerbeds, and yard
Pulling the worn sliding door
Papaw is not here to take care anymore
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The inviting smell of fresh coffee
Beautiful, new tablecloth every time
Everything else in the house is the same
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Stove fan hums constantly while dishes are clinging
Drink of ice cold Pepsi
"How have you been?" "How is work?"
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Pet the dogs so they will calm
Two huge, mean dogs are her company and protection
Smell of soap leaks out of the bathroom
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On the bar, angel figurines and the old, worn Bible
Dogs go crazy, commotion outside
Put them out, its time to eat anyways
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Buttery biscuits and bitter macaroni salad
Hand mashed potatoes and leather britches
Painfully sweet peanut butter fudge
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Quiet time to talk, catch up and share stories
"I'm so proud of you." "I miss you."
Aluminum foil to take sweet treats home
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Hear the clock ticking, time to go
Hugs and kisses
Not nearly enough time
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