

**Grandma's House**  
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All of this life  
makes me want to  
return to the tiny room  
in grandma's clapboard  
house in town.

Christ on the cross  
clinging to a cracked  
lath and plaster wall.

Pressed copper picture  
of quaint Old England.  
Small window looking  
down on the garden.

Tin soldiers and  
cotton bags of pennies  
buried here and there  
in the yard.

Big breakfasts before  
school, lessons in math,  
poetry and prayer, games  
of rummy and cribbage  
before sound sleeps in  
the little bed.