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## Age 7

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The woods across from me  
laden with black locusts and  
in the dirt purple violets and white trillium  
and huge the boys that forced my sister and me  
to undress and cold the wind  
on my bare buttocks and fiercely  
unjust the reception from my mother  
and engraved forever the address on Fallowfield Avenue  
the street car number  
the height of the snow  
and the treacherous climb up the hill  
our car, a '32 Chevy, parked on the flatlands below.