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## After Yesterday

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## AFTER YESTERDAY

there was a time when I took too many pictures.  
Now I have collections of  
too many square  
flat,  
glossy,  
full-color,  
people  
I don't even remember  
and won't see again.

I won't take your picture.  
Sixty-second memories  
fade away in scrapbooks  
full of giggling smiles  
and poses of fake surprise.

Instead I'll remember you  
the way you were  
when I bought you  
the blue balloon  
that floated away.

I guess those that can't afford balloons  
have to buy cameras.

*Dennis O'Brien*

## TO POLLY

Four walls push my chest  
Toward my back.  
My eyes squeeze vision  
From tiny panes of glass.  
"Can't breathe!" I scream.  
But no one comes,  
No one can hear,  
Unless the little girl  
Comes back to use her dolls again.

*Len Fonte*