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My house is on a cliff
where my sister lives
with her head in the clouds
as we live high
on this cliff

My mother bakes
Blackberry pie with
real whipped cream.
I love the whirl of
her blender—
mixing cream and sugar.

Her voice is sweet
and melodic—
filling my head with
flowers and popsicles.

I often visit my sister
in her room
in the clouds.

“One day my prince
will come,” she claims.
I can’t needle her cloud.

She needs to dream

she needs to sit,
licking her ice cream cone
dreaming of her

Prince-Not-So-Charming
and smelling Blackberry pie

A pleasant Fairy Tale



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