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There was a boy  
Who used to hunt tadpoles  
In the filthy ponds  
Of the yellow-green spring woods  
Just outside the city limits,  
Laughing all the while;  
Or walk with a sandwich  
Sealed in a little brown bag  
To the deserted circus grounds-  
An ice-encrusted late March meadow-  
And have a lonely picnic there,  
Thrilled by the air of expectancy,  
Pretasting the cotton candy  
That would arrive sometime about July.

He is gone now,  
That innocent boy;  
Only a memory  
Written on the hearts of one or two.  
And a lifetime from now  
Who will remember the enchanted lad?  
Who used to laugh at speckled tadpoles  
As they hopped away from him.  
Who used to search  
The deserted circus grounds of March,  
Alone and happy.

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