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Oranges are good for drinking tea with but the gunk gets under your fingernails
I need a cup of tea though. Sometimes I don't mind the peeling
Tonight, no
Company? Neat little sections good for sharing
Here's one, I love you. Here's another, I'm glad you're around
Have a cup of tea, no milk, let's talk. Eat my orange
The apple looks nice from here but
Up close it's waxy. Inside it's grainy, mushy
Wouldn't eat it. Not with tea. Not with company
Eat my orange with me. Apples are nicer in pies
Eat my orange

-- Monica J. Bradbury

For Grandma

You were here -
I remember so vividly
a walk in the park,
a ride on the Ferris wheel.

You were here -
when I skinned my knee,
when the water went up my nose
and I coughed uncontrollably.

You were here -
to teach me about life,
to learn how to draw,
and see where the birds live.

You were here -
when I needed you most
and now I am left wondering,
having learned all of your lessons,
why I am never here for you.

-- Katharine D. Jarnam