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by Kevin Acers

Which child is this?

Looking at her face,
I vaguely recall a mother,
a woman whose demeanor
her daughter has absorbed.
I quickly sift through
my thick mental catalogue
of one-time six-year-olds
compiled over the course
of forty years.

Ah, yes. There you are.
A yellow dress.