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I wish I could slip back  
into that bedroom

with the lilac scented breeze  
fluffing the starched and stretched  
lace curtains

Big Ben ticking  
and the "Girl Watching Robin" print

to my grandmother  
with her white hair and quiet talk  
who gave me credit for worthy thoughts  
even then

to the turtle dove coos  
drifting in from the walnut tree

to the embroidered pillow cases

and the love that swaddled me  
from the world

when life was full  
of afternoon naps  
under the whir  
of Philco fan  
blades

back to the 50's  
when the way  
was easy

and the mulberries hung ripe  
ready to fill the  
evening

