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by Julie Kautz

An explosion of colors
Brought together by at
Least a million stitches
And just two hands.
Pieced like a puzzle
And treasured like a memory.
Built with discarded patches of
fabric
And my great-grandmother's de-
sign.
An intricate art,
Now wearing thin,
Forms my most prized possession
Creating a perfectly balanced
harmony
That others can see,
But only I can feel.
So I sleep with a
feeling of security,
Covering up with the
Warmth of my
Great-Grandma's love. ■

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