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Together
We sat on little red chairs
At Sunday School,
Shared teenage secrets,
School experiences.

We both
Were struggling marrieds.
My baby's wetness made a stain
On her new couch.
I was mortified.
She was gracious.

Our lives parted.
Correspondence was erratic.
Once, in a note, I told of my
Youthful envy of her family's refrigerator—
indoor bath—her car.
She replied, "I was envious of your
brothers, your sisters."

After forty years
We're states apart;
Contact is sometimes.
Distance doesn't erase the past.
We're still friends.

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