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A FRIEND WHO STILL LIVES IN THOMAS

—By Margie Cooke Porteus

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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