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## A Special Night

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vicarious experience

*The midway at the fair unwraps memories of . . .  
strings of flickering, flashing lights promising  
risky surprises.  
a kaleidoscope of reeling rides and mechanical  
merry-go-round music.  
corn dogs, cotton candy, worn darts, and cheap  
aluminum jewelry.  
babbling, monotonous barkers crying for anxious,  
gullible takers.  
wide-eyed children laughing with purple snow-cone  
stickiness.  
a side show of tiger ladies and sword-swallowing  
he-men.  
hand-holding sweethearts oblivious of the noisy,  
shoving crowd.  
fifth-grade boys sneaking a few forbidden chokes on  
stolen cigarettes.  
brief rests among pesty, swarming flies and greasy,  
steamy concessions.*

*soft, cool breezes soothing the warm excitement of  
a special night.*

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