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## outhouse blues

By Sheryl L. Nelms

so much of my early  
life was spent  
suspended

above that black  
and gargoyled  
pit

hanging there  
in the cold  
ammonia draft

remembering the horror  
stories of a cousin  
who disappeared  
forever

when he was  
grabbed  
from

below

## Seeing The Light A Sonnet for My Sons

By Sandra Soli

Who is to say the sun is not a fire  
Made up of moons, old stones and tigereyes,  
Bright coals to warm a chilled celestial choir?  
Collected, burned, then hurled throughout the skies  
By that Omnipotence who dwells past Mars,  
Deciding, at the dawn of leisure games,  
"As marbles these won't do — I'll call them stars,  
A festival of lanterns, each with names!"  
Whichever explanation suits you best,  
Imagine, if you can, the wondrous light!  
For even antic errors meant in jest  
May lead to future miracles outright;  
Exploding from a spark of perfect mind,  
Most glorious stars and suns of every kind.

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