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## When I Was a Child

*by Sandra Rokooff-Lizut*

I encountered  
a potato tabernacle  
hewn in rock  
beneath a red madrone  
Daydream dwelling  
Sacred place  
A lichen-covered cave

Sunshine streamed sweet citrus through its seams

I loved to tip-toe  
slowly round  
that church of mine  
Toe-taps clicked  
like abacas ticks  
Outstretched arms  
preparing to float free

I'm not only flooded with such memories now---  
I hear more rushing down the hill to greet me while I  
sleep

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