



Family Ties

Candles

If on your grandmother's birthday you burn a candle
To honor her memory, you might think of burning an extra ...

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Christmas, 1970

We assemble the silver tree,
our translated lives,...

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genetics

My mother has a gap between
her two front teeth. So does Daddy Gunnar...

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Grandfather

In 1915 my grandfather's
neighbors surrounded his house...

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Faith

It was midday before we noticed it was morning.
The boy cousins brought us a tray—soup and cheese,...

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Kin

We were entwined in red rings
Of blood and loneliness before ...

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Mi Historia

My red pickup choked on burnt oil
as I drove down Highway 99...

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On An Unsociable Family

O what a strange parcel of creatures are we,
Scarce ever to quarrel, or even agree; ...

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Peace Lilies

I collect them now, it seems. Like
sea-shells or old ...

Prints

Seeing photos
of ancestors...

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Reflections on History in Missouri

This old house lodges no ghosts!
Those swaggering specters who found their way...

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Snowmen

My ancestor, a man
of Himalayan snow,...

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Walking with My Delaware Grandfather

Walking home I feel a presence following
and realize he is always there...

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