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## Forecast Calls for Stopped Time

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## Jimmie Calvin

KATIE LIPSCOMB

I love singin' the blues  
 Slow dancin' on your shoes  
 Let's put on our pj's  
 and shoot the moon  
 When morning comes  
 Clanking pots and pans  
 Let's go feed the fawn, Jimmie  
 There's age on your hands,  
 and after we'll dream in hammocks,  
 and eat onions from the ground,  
 trade stories of Pickle sisters,  
 and look at all the bugs we've found.  
 I'll pitch washers with the sandman  
 and ask if he'll hold this moment still  
 I am 5  
 and so are you  
 and we've got all the time to kill  
 I'll see you in your overalls  
 on the farm where you grew up  
 I'll see you get the belt  
 when you try and act too tough  
 I'll see you walk to school  
 and I'll see you give Ruby a ring  
 I'll see your love grow,  
 I'll see your faults show,  
 but I'll be damned if I miss a thing.  
 For I see what you are,  
 and it is infinite.  
 And I thought it's time that you should know  
 that  
 I measure your spirit in the mountains  
 and my love  
 for you  
 in  
 miles

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JOSHUA OLDFATHER

Humid mists drift loudly,  
 A barrage of water,  
 Sheets drifting, slanted rain.  
  
 Heavy leaves unload their  
 Burden, dripping sorrow  
 Onto parched waiting earth.  
  
 Vivid orange specters  
 Stare through obscuring  
 Cumulous framed cement.  
  
 Light not shone, hid by clouds  
 Mounds of mud and girders;  
 Skeletal ribs glistening.  
  
 Work called off for weary  
 People watching reports  
 As halted time marched in place.