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Ariana's Portrait

Johnna Ingram

Two Dragonflies

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On my 100th birthday ...
I'll finally redeem my Willy Wonka Golden Ticket
that marks the place in a book of
my favorite Yeats poem.
Then, I'll sit down and drink a cup of Apple Blossom
tea with my gray tabby nestled 'round my feet.
I'll patiently wait ... and wait for the fairy girl with flowers
and stars in her hair to arrive. And, when

she appears to me, as small as my hand, all aglow
with silver sequins and lace flowing to the ground,
I'll ask of her a favor:

May you and I be transformed for an hour? Turned into
A pair of magic dragonflies, voyaging back in time
to the renaissance, to view Michelangelo adding his
final weary strokes, the final touches of his
horse-hair brushes on the frescoes of the Sistine
Chapel's ceiling. And, there, two dragonflies
dancing aloft near the Adam and Eve,
watching, furtively, as he finishes his creation.