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A shadowy cove on the lake
 In an old flat-bottom boat
 Throwing out our bait and waiting patiently
 No need to talk, we sit and listen
 The sound of the water slapping against the boat
 The distant buzz of the bass boats across the water
 Ice-cold drinks and MoonPies
 We sit and fish – the joy and peace of friendship

Blasting through the Piney Woods on my bike
 The pure midnight air fills my lungs
 Laughing and joking all night with friends
 Finishing with coffee and a stack of pancakes
 Going to bed at sunup
 Looking forward to tomorrow

Bouncing up and down a runway
 At on old, country airport
 Learning to fly my dad's old Cessna
 Soaring above the lakes and pines
 Wiggling our wings at fisherman below
 Nothing beats the view

Church with Mom on Sunday
 Road trips with Grandma
 Domino games with Pe Paw
 Camping and hiking with friends

I wouldn't trade a moment of it.

When I die, scatter my ashes in the Piney Woods of East Texas.
 My soul never left



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Ash the Dog

Clair Jackson