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-Susan Auld-

An old cigar box, scented still
with room-lingering aroma
lies buried under Mother's afghan
crocheted frugally with left over yarn
its scalloped design arranged in a random palette.

Memories quietly hidden without ceremony
in the bottom drawer of the worn oak armoire
standing unsteadily in the upstairs guest room
far away from the noise,
far away from the frenetic energy
living in the other rooms of the house.

Secrets packed with care and stored,
past priorities, untouched
by present obsessions and obligations
surreptitiously found, abruptly awakened,
yesterday's hazy solitude disturbed.

as the clock struck one
as the moon turned her face away
as the afghan' fragrance, released,
Wrapped rainbow warmth
Around lonely shoulders.