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## First Place winner of the Prairie Creative Writing Award

*For John Edgar Wideman and other authors*

Dream me home safely  
Lift me like a breath  
and carry me like a  
feather  
Pretend me as light  
Let me summer your skin  
Be warm of me, laughing like  
children  
Imagine me as music  
and whistle me or hum  
Or hush and keep me a  
secret

Dream me home safely  
Cradle me in the air  
as slowly I drift like a  
leaf  
Remind me a color  
Paint my glow everywhere  
Be fond of me, awing like  
dawn  
Remember me a song  
And keep me with it  
so that I may never  
silence

Dream me home safely  
Hold me in your heart  
so close I'll never again  
fall  
Give me your sun  
Hold me in your eyes  
Be my day so that I never  
dim  
Sing me your melody  
Echo me in your mind  
Please feel me alive  
forever