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what seemed like an eternity to a seven year old  
was really just the half hour drive to grandpa's house  
a joy filled me every time we turned on to School Street  
i remember the snow  
and the smoky smell of my dad's blue car  
the house with the checkerboard garage  
and vines growing on the sides  
always running into find the same green carpet  
and that old piano  
that had turned into a shelf for medicine and mail  
i remember finding something that looked out of place  
a package, small and rectangular  
grandpa had said it was for me  
with all the excitement in the world  
i opened it to find a stuffed animal  
my ordinary smile grew  
a snowman with a green hat  
vintage buttons, blue, red and green down his chest  
black eyes and a carrot nose  
he sang "jingle bells" when you held his hand  
i swore i'd keep it forever  
i'd bring it everywhere i went  
just looking at it  
brings back the smell of windmill cookies  
and the cluttered chaos of the old house  
although my grandpa isn't there