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## - Leona Evans

Memories of childhood center around

Machinery, as motors mashed fresh meat for

Kosher customers to create hamburgers,

Dagwood style.

In Mom's kitchen, large eggbeaters

Whirled as dervishes to masterfully

Create dessert.

While in the backyard, I made fragile

Mudpies, magically cooked with a hum.

On lazy afternoons, humming to myself,

I played Big Bluey and Green Cat-Eye

Against the boys, and won.

Hums mingled with muffled giggles

As we hunted white butterflies for

My cousin, Tommy, to eat.

His mouth hummed as it

Mashed the small insects.

Wandering through Humboldt Park,

Dragon flies hummed with me

By the murky lagoon.