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## HISTORY OF A POET

### First grade haiku

“The leaves skip and play  
on a nice Fall day...”

### High school angst

“My love’s eyes are like deep pools.  
I plumb their depths to read  
I Love You.”

### New mother

“Oh, the perfect little toes,  
the tiny rosebud nose!  
My chubby angel of delight.  
A cherub smiling in the night.”

### Workshop years, stuck

“Be on the watch  
for the white rose of remembrance”  
“Remember the white rose”  
“The white rose, a remembrance,  
“The white rose remembers”

### Memorial

“Leaves fall away  
one by one  
like heirlooms,  
a rug that slips,  
a lamp that no longer  
lights...”

### At the poet’s request

copies of her chapbook  
will be found at the end  
of each pew.

— *Constance Vogel*