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## LOST DOLLS

Scuffed, dusty,  
 mud-spattered and forlorn,  
 a lonely doll lay helpless in the roadside cinders,  
 arms and legs raised  
 imploring —  
 longing for a little heart  
 and mind  
 to bring her back to life.

Tossed from a car by a vengeful sibling,  
 accidentally dropped  
 in a feat of dolly-derring-do,  
 or set down and forgotten  
 in a neglectful moment  
 as daddy pulled away from the curb.

All along the road —  
 teddy bears,  
 toy trucks,  
 bent bicycles,  
 and beat-up baseball mitts.

Tears flow  
 as children grow  
 and dollies daily die.

— *Ron Edison*

## LET'S DANCE

Shall we dance, World?  
 Whose music shall we provide?  
 Too strange is your tune.  
 We'll put that aside.  
 This one I know.  
 Here's how it goes.

Why do you hop  
 when the music is soft?  
 Why do you leap  
 when it glides peacefully?  
 Watch what I do.  
 I'll repeat it for you.

Take hands, World.  
 Be light on your feet!  
 (but how can we dance  
 when you don't feel the beat.)

— *Jeanne Pachaly*