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## GREAT AUNT CONN

By Sandra Penrose

My Great Aunt Conn was determined  
That I should more mannerly be,  
Whilst I, at age five, had decided  
Politeness was not for me.

One day, as a treat, she brought us  
Some ice cream and Ginger Ale,  
I dropped a spoonful of ice cream  
Into the pop. Aunt Conn turned pale.

The pop fizzed up and overflowed  
The glass. I grabbed it up and slurped.  
“You’ll never be a lady!”, she stated.  
I looked into her face...and burped.

When I was six, Great Aunt Conn brought  
A large bag of peanut-shaped candy.  
She said, “Remember, if you want more,  
You must ask politely, Sandy.”

“May I please have the last one?”  
I asked her, already reaching out.  
“Offer it to others, first.”, she said.  
**But I want it!**, I wanted to shout.

She died when I was nine years old,  
But her memory lives on.  
Whenever I’m stuck for the right thing to do,  
I think, “What would please Great Aunt Conn?”