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## Twilight

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## The Front Porch

Precious moments rush by like shooting stars,  
and those moments, all too quickly, turn into days and years.  
Years that I had hoped would be filled with intimacy  
for you and me. I dreamed of the kind of intimacy poets  
write about; an intimacy that has escaped us in  
our years together. And so I still wait and hope for  
that very special relationship. I have knocked and begged  
and pleaded for you to open the door to your heart, but  
I am still locked out, still sad and lonely, still waiting.  
I feel as though I am sitting on the front porch of your  
life, waiting for you to invite me to come inside.

I have weathered storms and shivered  
as the rain blended into my tears. I have given up hope  
in the dark nights only to have it renewed again with  
morning's promising sunrise. I long to come inside  
and find a warm, cozy place where I can snuggle up and  
feel safe and loved. I want to fill your space with caring and affection. I  
want the door locked behind  
me instead of in front of me. I want to laugh with  
you, to enjoy life with you, I want only for both  
of us to be happy.

But, how much longer can I wait,  
rocking the years away on the front porch? How much  
longer before winter takes over and my feelings grow  
cold? How much longer before I give up, go down  
the stairs, and lock the gate behind me?  
How much longer?

By: Marge Golaszewski

## Twilight

The blue-nosed goose and the fuzzy-tailed swan  
sat together in the fairy tale twilight.  
The grass uncurled and the dew slid down  
making cool little puddles for their flat pink feet.  
How many moonbeams  
how many singing clouds  
played hide and seek with darting stars.  
Crickets plucked their instruments  
rocking worlds to sleep  
and the two sat there nodding side by side.  
The blue-nosed goose and the fuzzy - tailed swan  
in their feathered dreams they paddled through the night.

By: Jeanne Pachaly

"Happiness is not a state to  
arrive at but a manner of  
traveling."

Margret Lee Runbeck