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Using Nana's lilac-colored crocheted blanket,
a durable dowel from a decorative butter churn,
and half of the air hockey table,
my fortress was carefully constructed.

In the light of the mini spinning disco ball,
my eyes gobbled up the Goblet of Fire.
Mama said I'd irritate my eyes;
she was right 'cause I got glasses soon after.

I haven't heard from the Potter pals in a good while –
hope little Lily, James, and Albus are doing ok.
My tent fell victim to the trials of time ages ago,
or rather, my mom made me take it down.

But I fear that if I sat in that tiny tent,
only once more, "for my childhood's sake," I'd say,
I would be sucked into the pages
of its seductive solitude.

And happily, I would never come out.