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## They'll Never Know of Gregory

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## **They'll Never Know of Gregory**

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Cars will drive up and down this street, covering  
The tracks left by youth sized Nike tennis  
Shoes. They'll never know about the kickballs  
Launched over telephone wires and the Aerobie  
Frisbees lost in the tall trees that will never feel the ground.

They'll never know of the Mitchell basement,  
With the writing on the wall marking the territory:  
"You don't know us, but if you were to read under  
This coat of paint, you'd understand the stories  
Of seven six-year-olds."

They'll never know of Independence Day,  
And how an army of children rode their  
Huffy bikes and Razor scooters around  
The block, being led into battle by a city  
Fire truck. The fire hydrants were open,  
The roads were blocked, and the kids moved  
Freely.

They'll never know of the sons and daughters  
Of Gregory, who took the kids and molded  
Them to be unique in their own right, but always  
Being one collective, never losing sight of each other.  
A family not born out of blood, but of presence  
And improbable odds. We will fly our flag,  
And hang our signs, and let everyone  
That drives by know of the Kids of Gregory Ave.