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boss the other day i heard a young lady conversing small talk i said then i heard she was admitting what she did not know and pausing to listen intently trying to understand the world of action thought and spirit

this spirit of hers was not inherent but received from wise teachers miss davis and all miss fine s not an institution but a community which has given knowledge and love of meaning for a world void of meaning for many for them is this book and for mr hartmann who is carrying us on from greatness to greatness will we say this was our finest hour perhaps







Ellen Jane Aronis

ellen has a sculptured look and fresh sophistication with a cynical wit i just came from clubs where she sat with lovely sensitive hands challenging her enchanted friend quote lots of people can blow their own bubbles but can t burst them unquote she said it seems she can do both

i ran into ophelia again last evening she is inhabiting an abandoned bookshop in an alley in greenwich village i was several authors my dear archy said she being an angry was only an incident in my career and i was always getting judged by some strait laced prune faced bunch of prissy mouthed sisters of uncharity exclamation point

Ophelia Benson



Doritha Anne Ballard Bishop

sometimes boss i wonder how many pies dabby s fingers are in because she sings and dances and rushes over marquand field allthewhile maintaining a sophisticated dignity and kind concerned eyes that care about the way our pies turn out



doesn t that continual laugh indicate a sense of proportion interrogation point mehitabel i must tell you that annika with red hair steals cookies from the parent teas probably scandalizing the norwegian ambassador to whom she is always writing epistles i also hear she smokes a pipe

Annika Bugge



Paula Cantor

see here pêche i said i thought you told me that it was an african violet you used to be before you transmigrated into a creature of silent contemplation big ideas and chattery warmth but now i see you quickly create answers to lawful questions and moralize with laughing eyes and keep your home a haven for the downtrodden and the gai



i ran into molly the other day boss i had heard lotsa kids running and having fun and i saw there in the midst a character of many friends crickets spiders and other insects she has a gust of wind kind of warmth and a huge humor that takes us off guard

Martha Dreier Dorf



Karen M. Fraser

karen the cat has been wooing the muse no pun please and i am privileged to present one of her more frivolous songs just as she sang it to several of her dubious feline friends in the alley as follows gai luv toujours gai i have known some wild parades in my time dearies the town is painted pink my dear archy



Blanche Goble

i met blanche on an early morning walking with hair straightening in the wind i met her on a bright noon working hard developing intelligent conservative ideas and challenging hollow liberalism i met blanche on a late evening sailing under the moon archy



Georgiana Godfrey

well boss i saw gigi just back from crete and she was proving political policies carefully shaping theories and framing goals and boss i have to tell you she has a quiet humility and a warmth for all archy



lynn was in the coffee shop this afternoon laughing and giggling at obscurities and the world she left and drove off in her racy roadster cheering her low slung dachshund you d never know how good she is at doing what needs doing never boss

Lynn Karen Goeller



martha was at the football game yesterday in a polo coat her eyes are so beautifully green like the hills of virginia oh such caprices i can understand why she has such a walletfull of pictures and why she sits crosslegged in fields and by hearths

Laurie Vance Johnson

Martha Brainerd Gorman



can you imagine brigitte was reading a palm with no thought to her own in which we find such efficiency and a kindness which comes out in smiles subtly wise and i must tell you warm in such a feminine way

Brigitte Hasenkamp



Susan Child Howland

speaking of daring things as so many people are these days i met susie in the alley last night back from new york horsing around and stating quote life s too dam funny for me to explain its c mon honey life s too dam funny it s one day sunny the next day rain life s too dam funny for me to explain unquote



black point is where alison bronzes and plays a wild game of tennis with a lovely smile a diligent worker is alison with sometimes purple clothes and strangely blue eyes i talked to her on a bus going to the rink and realized how well she knows us archy

Alison Adams Hubby



i hopped onto merethe s skis this afternoon boss and she said hi she managed to look elegant even in ski clothes so i asked her where she was going to dancing interrogation point no she said to a jazz session interrogation point no she was just going to the godfreys and gee she said was that great we talked seriously about the differences in american and norwegian philosophy and she amazed me with her profound perception then i hopped off her skis at the bottom of the hill boy do blondes ever have more fun too bad i never met a blond cockroach archy

Merethe Lange-Nielsen



i couldn t tell if effie was watching or chewing it over she was quiet anyway but she knew what was going on interrogation point because then she giggled and ran down the alley to her bright red car and zoomed off archy

Effie Lau



Elise Noel Rosenhaupt

there is a rumor boss that lisie herself denied at the swiss german embassy ball last night with a blush but anyway the story goes that lisie gave a speech at woodrow wilson and being so engagée in everything everywhere else read by mistake her address which she had presented in atlanta the week before then lisie just sang je suis intoxiquée but it s only a rumor boss i have to admit that and besides does lisie get confused interrogation point



an optimist is a girl who wears rosy colored glasses and polishes them every morning when she brushes her hair in gentle sophistication she keeps a string with many knots and i would also wish to write for her an ode to a child dancing in the wind when she gazes at us with her droopy blue eyes we feel loved

Phoebe Russell

i saw shaw last night having a passion about dylan cycles colorado or beaujolais bear we said no pun please it s all right ma she being kind though witty and wise with words did not gather her dissent into a wise crack



Barbara Shaw



i say boss i found susie in france last week i did amidst beaucoup de fleurs jaunes and shiny english pebbles and green bottles of wine she was singing boss that procrastination is the art of keeping up with yesterday and she was posing as the earthmother for a gathering of photographers it was spring

archy

Susan Sichel



Sally Pitcher Stewart

sally came swinging her arms open to us with great enthusiasm she sang call me irresponsible and that quote ours is the zest of the alley cat we caperly dance about from flat to flat what though your shoe should knock us down sally for us they praise the town unquote and then she stopped well my dear archy she began and we went and had a long talk and i left her feeling disconsolate but with a wild song dancing in us both archy



a friend is an artist who is not a prima donna i ran into janey at the piano and we went out and crawled through the tunnel of raked leaves i love someone new my dear archy said she so we laughed and hugged each other

Jane Culver Strunsky



well boss i met gretchen painting in her garret you know she has lovely hands boss and when i came in she turned the canvas to the wall we went out and had a helluva good time and said hi to the village scavenger but wotthehell archy wotthehell we said cheerio my deario

Gretchen Ann Taylor



tomato i ll have you know that they breakfast in heaven and all s well with the world you have a heavy weight here wot with being responsible but it s so gai to walk with you in spring through yonder tall grass there are more things twixt those golden locks than are dreamt of in thy philosophy mehitabel archy

Sarah Roberts Tomlinson



Margaret de Forest Woodbridge the thing about woody whom i ran into in the forest in a peasant blouse and lumber jacket anyway the thing is boss that she enjoys her world of impeccable artistry and interest in the off-beat things that she amazes us with constantly like jean shepherd and needlework and her convictions on most of the things that matter archy



Barbara Mackenzie Lawrence

September 19, 1947 November 23, 1964

If you swing on a swing In the morning By night you can hook Your feet around a star And spit on the moon.

-Buff Lawrence

	quotes	lost without	drinks	bête noir	found		
Ellen	The truth of the matter is	cynicism	scotch and water	men who would rather Aight Man switch	wondering why		
ophelia	bloody	Steve and roommates	ginger beer	qym	in the village		
Dabby	shhhhhhhh!	"The bat"	mint julep	vicious people	smoking		
Annika	hey!	her dictionary	rum gløgg	physics	shoking Pipe		
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Karen	tul you one thing	an audience	champagne	dirty huir	on stage		
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blue mill	neptune	young life	land locked	rew, row, row			
smiles	gardner mackey	dachshunds	solemn	that's all			
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delight	billy liar	buby seals	pregnant	sentimental journey			
purple flair	paul newman	tall men	in The bowery	night and day			
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BACK ROW: Peggy Woodbridge, Gillian Gordon (Properties), Ann Hughey, Molly Dorf, (Lighting), Gail Hood (Ass't. Scenery), Kitzi Becker, (Make-Up) Julia Lockwood, Leslie Loser (Music), Linda Baker, Hope Rose (Costumes). FRONT ROW: Mary Young (Program), Dabby Bishop (Scenery), Karen Fraser, Margery Cuyler (Ass't Costumes), Barbara Shaw (President of Dramatic Club), Sarah Jaeger (Stage Manager), Debbie Hobler (Ass't. Lighting) Mary Moore (House Committee). MISSING FROM PICTURE: Ellen Aronis (Ass't. Stage Manager), Paula Cantor (Ass't. Stage Manager), Jane Borgerhoff (Ass't. Properties), Marianne Hoffman (Tickets), Susan Sichel, Mettie Whipple (Ass't. Make-Up).

Dramatic Club



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Lately, Sports and bouncing Well, at the end The year everyone is thoroughly exhaust

ed w M. F. S. team came hrough with a smashing vic-ory noises from the gym







FINEST BOARD: STANDING: Barbara Shaw, Elise Rosenhaupt (editor '63-'64), Kate Linker, Patty Morgan, Hilary Brown, Jackie Summerfield. SEATED: Leslie Loser, Leigh Keyser, Irene Smoluchowski, Ophie Benson, (Editor), Susan Henssler, Julie Fox, Beth Borgerhoff. Missing from picture: Karen Meyers, Martha Miller.

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Girl with Grey Eyes

Joyce welcomed the winter when it came early in this part of the country. "Damn New England," she said, but at least she was grateful for the cold weather and the rain before the final entombment of winter.

In mucky weather she didn't have to excuse her silence, everyone was too cross to bother her.

"What's your name?" they all asked at the beginning, staring.

Joyce

"Joyce what?" but she wouldn't tell them. She would not listen to their laughter until classes started, when teachers would call the roll.

"Why have you come here?" They did not mean it the way it sounded; it's only unusual to change schools in one's junior year. But Joyce knew that.

Long story, she told them. And it was, really. But it could be summed up pretty briefly.

Broken home. She told them that much when they pressed. But she would not tell them her name.

On the train coming up she watched out of the window the whole four hours because it was raining. Rain made her happy.

"Good job something does," she muttered sullenly. She was sullen and depressed and frightened. Joyce was shy; the thought of all the new people panicked her, particularily since they knew their way around. She pulled her legs up like a child and shivered.

But she hadn't cried. She hadn't cried, except once at a movie, in over a year. She wished she could. She wished she could be totally miserable, and then get better; but instead she just had this sodden weight of fear and resentment pressing like a tumor on her heart. It was smothering her. She wished she could cry it off. She was alone.

They found out that she was Joyce James when classes started, but they didn't laugh, they thought it was nice. They asked her if she was Irish and she had to say yes, she was born in Ireland. You don't have an accent they said. Of course

You don't have an accent they said. Of course not she said impatiently, I've lived in New York since I was four.

"Oh, in the Village?" someone asked.

"No" she said coldly.

There was a loud silence.

"Well," a girl named Cynthia said kindly," do you have any nicknames?"

"At my old school," Joyce said, "They sometimes called me Ulysses. But I prefer Joyce."

Everyone called her Joyce then, but Cynthia called her Ulysses, and they became friends.

Joyce had a small pale face under a short round haircut, with uneven bangs falling beyond her eyebrows. Her eyes were round and very large, but they were grey, not green. The rest of her features were very small, making her eyes seem even larger. She had long narrow hands and feet; she was awkward and unathletic. She was interesting, but she was also pretty. But not charming.

Joyce had been given a room of her own, a rare thing for a Junior. "Probably the only good thing about this flaming school, " Joyce said. At home, they

- espically Eric -- had always been in her room. She hadn't minded Mick, because his soul was as solitary as hers, and they could be alone together. But her parents talked too much.

"Eric, " she would say to her father, and sometimes he would listen, "get the hell OUT, will you?" But he never had. And it hadn't been a nice room anyway. But here there was a window seat and a narrow bookcase, and a lock on the door.

Mick had bright red hair, but, "no freckles," he said firmly. His skin was very pale and clear, and his eyes were as large and round as Joyce's, but his were a murky blue. He and Joyce were both very thin. Eric had said that he couldn't tell them apart from behind because Mick had the same round haircut as Joyce. "Too damn long, " said Eric nastily, but Mick would never have it short. "I identify with him, " said Joyce, and Mick laughed. But Eric looked angry. "He is too aggressively masculine, " said Joyce later and Mick nodded solemnly.

"Do you have any siblings or anything?" Cynthia asked.

"Yeah, my brother Mick . . . he's four years younger.'

"Oh, well."

Cynthia and Joyce were in Joyce's room on a rainy Saturday afternoon in November, "studying." Cynthia was studying, Joyce was reading. They had decided not to have the "tunafish or some bloody thing" they were having for lunch.

Cynthia looked up, bored. The rain was driving violently on the window. "Do you like rain?" she asked.

"Mmm,"

Cynthia scowled; Joyce had said little in two months. What little she knew about her was from her expression.

"You never talk."

"Shut up, Sin, I told you I don't."

"But how do people know you?"

"Oh." Joyce closed her book and stretched. "Don't. People don't. I am in myself and it has to be that way. I can't let people know me or own me. I am introverted; but let's not, I don't like to explain myself."

Sin looked exasperated, but they went for a walk in the rain.

Mick

"Mick and I used to do this," Joyce said. "Whenever it rained we would run down to the park, or just walk in the streets. Funny."

"Mick is twelve?"

"Yeah,"

"Where is he?"

"Oh, they put him in boarding school. He's a year ahead of himself though, " she added. As though that did him any good.

Funny Mick

"All alone in a bloody kid's boarding school. It's bloody. Sodding Eric knew better, but he wouldn't do anything, the swine." Her voice trembled with love and hate.

"What's he like?" Cynthia asked.

Eric

"Oh, he's kind of tall flamboyant wild Irish. He's very anti-hero. But he's not very effective." "Is he a good father?"

"I guess. If you don't mind being forced to be liberal and intellectual. But he's thick about people. And he drinks."

"What about your mother?"

"Puritan and conventional. She's half Welsh and a quarter Irish and a quarter Scottish, but somehow the Scottish prevailed. But she is kinder than me dad."

"Which do your prefer?"

Joyce did not answer.

They went back and Sin sprawled comfortably on the bed. Joyce sat on the floor and put her head on her knees, holding her hands tightly around them. She was lonely; she wished that Sin would leave her alone. She breathed slowly.

After a minute Sin understood her silence and got up. "See you, " she said, and closed the door.

Joyce let out a trembling breath. There was a quick sketch Shelagh had done of Mick a year earlier in her desk somewhere. Groping, she found it, and suddenly discovered she was crying.

Mick and Joyce should have known it was coming, but the drinking and the quarreling had been so bad for so long, and they had to live somehow, that they had pretended, and so the divorce took them unaware which made Eric furious.

He had crashed in on them one night at three o'clock in Joyce's room.

"Don't you ever go to bed?" he snapped. Mick looked cross; Eric never made them go to bed.

"What trash are you reading?" Eric went on. He was shrill, poking at their books. Joyce was reading OTHELLO; Mick, MUTINY ON THE BOUNTY. "Shoot," exploded Eric, hitting at Mick's book.

"Oh Eric, shut up, " Joyce said.

He sank listlessly on the bed and sighed. Mick put his finger in his mouth and Joyce waited.

"Well, all right," Eric said, undramatically for once, "I'm sure you've been expecting it. Shelagh and I are getting a divorce. You will go to boarding school."

"Divorce!"

"Eric!"

"Oh stop it; you knew it was coming as well as we did. And you know it won't matter anyway, you're happier without us. No one has time for feeling sorry for you.

"I'll bet Mum has."

"Yes. 'Mum has.'" Fric was ugly; Joyce looked away. "What will happen?"

"I'm going to England. I can teach there. Shelagh will stay here. She will have you for vacations." "Why not always?"

"Because she can't be bothered." Joyce and Mick were silent. Eric swore loudly and left, slamming the door.

Mick wrote her once a week. Shelagh wrote once a day for six days and then none for two weeks. Eric wrote about once every three weeks, but his were the ones she reread.

In the second letter, from London after the divorce, he wrote:

"Do your work, Joyce. You are a rotten student, and I have every confidence that you will be absolutely filthy now. Well, don't let yourself go. completely because you're unhappy. It's too good an excuse. Bury yourself in some bloody trash novel if you must, but do your work first, if you have to stay up til three. You may be flipping brilliant, those people say so, but you've never shown it.

It's simply ignorant to rebel in school, you're impotent. You must get your education, and then you have the right to kick if you still want to, which you may not. And besides, whether you think so or not, you can learn things at school just as well as by yourself. And if you write me your bloody trash about a bad teacher, I'll fly over there and kick you (I won't really so don't try it). I know you're there Joyce. Don't frown. I did try, Joyce." But not hard enough.

She did not obey Eric's letter. She did not do her work, but read all the time. She dreamed during classes Her mind was full of marvellous things for herself. They made reality less sure of itself.

But one of her teachers spoke to her. She must come down to earth, face reality.

Joyce ignored the fact that she was shy. "How can I face reality when in reality there is no one to love me anywhere. I am alone, and I don't like it. I read and I make up things so that I'm not alone."

"Why don't you write stories then? You must be talented."

"I can't. I can't get it out, I can't get it off." She left and went to her room. Nothing did any good, that weight was in her, and she couldn't get it out. This too, too solid flesh would never melt.

> Ophelia Benson, XII First Prize Upper School Prose

What is this silent evening saying? Brooding over my fading heart It sinks upon me And my silent soul offers empty resistance As she folds in a death agony. Over my heart's evening broods the night. In the dimness of dawn, evening and my heart Are one. Man and wife on the bridal night. She folds silent in a death agony. He sinks upon her. What is this silent evening saying?

> Elise Rosenhaupt, XII First Prize Upper School Poetry

"Hey, Clod"

The air hung with afternoon stillness and the flag flapped aimlessly on its pole. The sun, piercing its last feeble rays through the window shutter, slowly sank in the sky until it hung precariously over the line of trees on the horizon. The sky was cloudless; a vast sheet of suffocating blue stretched over the earth on all sides, while the earth itself seemed to gasp for breath.

At that moment the bell rang and at last the dull drone of the schoolmaster ceased. The impatient boys, without waiting to say good-bye to the teacher, grabbed their tattered books and stumbled, shouting, over each other and out the door. The air was heavy with heat and a solitary sparrow chirped in the maple outside.

Claude was still piling up his books on his desk when all the other boys had left, and finally, having dumped them all into his plaid schoolbag, he walked to the teacher's desk and shyly put out his hand. The schoolmaster lifted his head from his papers with a look of surprise on his face. Then, reluctantly, he shook the boy's hand and Claude said, reddening,

"Good-bye, Sir. The lecture was very interesting." He turned and walked out the door into the playground. There were only a few boys left playing marbles in the thin layer of sand. They looked up as he came out and one of them said, "Hi, there, Clod -- enjoy the lecture?"

Claude reddened again and said nothing.

"Lord, what a clod. Can't ever answer when you ask him something. Clod's a clod." The boys laughed at his clever play on the French boy's name and his friends joined in the chant, "Clod's a clod, Clod's . . ."

Claude turned and walked off the playground -away from the laughter and pointing fingers. He knew they didn't like him; he was different from them because he came from France. But then they didn't know about his secret -- his wonderful secret. Even his parents didn't know about his secret. It was something very special and important. He would only tell it to someone he trusted very much. He would probably never meet someone like that -but then if he did, he would tell him the secret.

The sun had disappeared beneath the horizon, leaving a backdrop flaming red behind the trees. The air had cooled -- suddenly it seemed relieved of some enormous burden. Claude stopped and stared at the sunset for a long time, until the trees seemed on fire with leaping orange flames. He started, and coming back to his senses, walked on again into the little town, looking in the shop windows and thinking how much he would like to have one of those shiny red fire-engines . . . but then nothing was as nice as his secret. He wouldn't trade anything in the world for his secret.

Claude turned a corner, his schoolbag in his hand and his long knitted socks pulled up to his knees. Dusk was creeping slowly, very slowly over the town, but it was still far from dark. Claude began to think of all the things that had happened in the last year; all the changes which had come over his life. How his father had decided to take his family to America. and form a partnership with Claude's uncle in selling French wines in America. Claude saw his father very seldom -- he was always off to the city on business. But he loved his father, and his mother had often told him how much his father wanted him to have a good education, and be happy without too many toys, and especially to be polite to his elders. And Claude had done all those things and he longed to have a father come home and see what a fine son he had, and what a happy son. Because he was happy. Claude thought; in fact, he couldn't be happier. And especially with his secret. His secret was extra -- something very special which made his life all the more perfect.

Suddenly Claude's thoughts were interrupted by a

voice and then a door slamming and footsteps on the street. Claude squinted ahead through the growing darkness and saw someone walking steadily towards him. He stopped for a moment and curiously watched the figure; it was obviously too small to be a man or woman . . . suddenly the thought that it might be a boy from his school sprang into Claude's mind. His heart sank and he walked slowly on. And then, it seemed, like a flash the face was there before him -- warm, glowing, friendly . . . the corners of the mouth turned shyly up -- and the face was smiling at him. Claude smiled slowly back and reddened. He felt suddenly wonderful all over; it was the way he felt whenever he thought about his secret. And then the face was gone and Claude was walking on again through the darnkness, swinging his schoolbag and quickening his steps as he neared his house.

The next morning Claude wandered into the schoolyard -- alone, as usual, holding his schoolbag and scuffling clouds of sand with his feet. His mother had told him expressly not to do that, because, she said, it would make his sandals dirty. But he felt in a curiously revengeful mood. He was happy, though, happy deep down inside about something, and this time it wasn't just his secret.

"Here comes Clod. Good morning, Clod." The speaker, who was older than Claude, grinned mockingly and then bowed solemnly as Claude entered the schoolyard. His companions laughed and one of them said, "Hey, clod. Where'd ya get the kooky schoolbag?"

Claude said nothing, and this time he didn't redden. They could tease him all they wanted, he thought, but it wouldn't bother him. Today nothing would bother him -- he was too happy for that. And anyway, he was used to it.

When school began, Claude couldn't and didn't concentrate, and the other boys laughed when he couldn't answer a question he hadn't heard. He looked around for the boy who had smiled at him the day before, and finally he saw him sitting in the first row, his head bent over his math problems. He was a good worker, Claude thought he answered well in class. Then his thoughts meandered back to the moment he had seen that friendly smile in the graying darkness, and he felt happy all over again. Then it didn't matter that the other boys hated him.

When the bell finally rang, and school ended for the day, Claude put his books into his schoolbag, buckling it securely, politely said good-bye to the teacher and went out into the playground. A group of boys stood under the maple tree, and as he shuffled by they looked up and scanned him critically, their eyes lingering on his long knee-socks and his "kooky" plaid schoolbag. And then they resumed their conversation.

Claude left the playground and walked along the shadowy street lined with maples. There was a little breeze, and it rumpled his hair as it floated by. Then Claude saw him -- the boy who had smiled at him. He was standing a good way ahead on the street, looking back at Claude. Suddenly, Claude knew he was waiting for him and he began to run. He ran until he caught up with the boy, and then the two walked silently on again.

"What's your name?" Claude asked shyly. "Colin," the boy answered. "What's yours?" he asked, pretending he didn't know.

"Claude -- really Jean-Marie-Claude, but since it's so long they just call me Claude."

Silence for awhile.

"You don't have much homework, do you?" Claude asked.

"No -- why?"

"I just thought we could cut across that field there -- it's a short cut to my house. Anyway, it's fun to walk in the grass; it's so tall and it scratches your legs."

"O.K. Let's," Colin agreed enthusiastically, and they jumped over a ditch in the road and began running wildly through the grass.

"Wait," Colin panted, and Claude stopped while Colin tied his loose shoelace. Then they walked slowly on again while the breeze whispered through the grass and the sun beat down.

"You like America?" Colin asked curiously. "Oh, yes. I think it's fine. It's a lot different

from France, though."

"How come?"

"Oh, I don't know. It's just different. It's bigger, anyway, and the boys don't wear knee-socks to school and they don't carry schoolbags. That's mainly how it's different."

"Oh, " Colin said meditatively.

"Do you like secrets?" Claude asked slowly. "Oh, yes! I've got a bunch of 'em which I'll never tell ANYbody. And I keep a lot from my mother, too. She never knows what I think, anyway." Colin grinned.

"I like them too, a lot." Claude said, smiling. The breeze whispered again and the sun shone more intensely. Sparrows twittered and a squirrel leapt from tree to tree nearby. The tall grass made a wispy, swishing sound as the boys waded through it -- not harsh and scratchy, but soft and gentle . . . The boys neared a grove of trees and Claude ran to it and flung himself on the moist moss. Colin sat down beside him and began chewing a piece of grass.

Suddenly Claude said, "You know, I've got a very special secret all my own."

"What?" Colin asked. Claude looked steadily at Colin and said, "Did you ever tell a secret someone told you?"

"Nope. Never."

"And you promise never, never to tell mine?"

"Yup. I mean I do." Colin grinned. Claude looked around and leaned closer to Colin. He could feel his heart thumping . . . Suddenly he burst out, "You know I'm really a prince -- a real royal prince -- except nobody knows and when I get older I'm going to live in a castle with a tower and a stable with horses and steeds -- but right now nobody knows -- not even my PARENTS, and ever since I've known it I've kept it a secret and you must never tell anyone --" Claude was panting for breath and his heart was beating faster and harder than ever before.

Colin looked dumbfounded -- half believing and half not.

"You . . . you're a PRINCE?" He seemed even bewildered at the sound of the words themselves.

"Yes -- I knew it ever since I read about English and the French kings, and then at the fair the fortuneteller told me I would be a prince and live in a castle and when I had a dream about it I knew it was true. You believe me . . . don't you?"

"Oh, yes! I believe you and I won't tell anyone ..." Colin stopped and spat out his grass.

"Maybe we'd better go now; it's getting late," he said timidly, and the two boys got up and began their way home through the wispy grass as the sun slipped beneath the horizon and the dusk came on.

The following moring as the schoolyard filled with curious, talkative boys, there were murmurs and questions about where "Clod," the French boy, was. Stories went around that one boy had seen him with a pack on his back, walking away from town and another boy had seen him asking the grocer when the next train came through, and that maybe he had run away. The consensus was that he was only sick.

Colin, too, wondered where Claude was, and all through school he thought about the secret and his vow not to tell it. He thought about it yesterday -the grove, the moss, the tall, wispy grass, and the hot sun, and he felt strangely uneasy. It was probably only the weather, he thought.

When the bell rang he ran with all his classmates out into the schoolyard. There was no homework and so they played marbles and held races. Colin bravely laid a bet that his friend Andrew would win over Dick Craven at marbles. Andrew won, and when Colin had collected his bet money he went over to sit in the shade of the maple tree. The playground was boiling hot.

"Hey, there, Colin," said a voice behind him. He whirled around and saw Dick Craven sauntering towards him. "Hey, what's this little run on that French kid? What made you walk home with him yesterday, eh? What do you see in a kid like that?"

Colin reddened fiercely. He felt suddenly embarrassed, but he said nothing. By this time a crowd had gathered around Colin and they began to ask him why he walked home with "Clod" and was he going to carry a little schoolbag tomorrow? Colin's anger rose inside and he couldn't suppress it. His heart thumped faster and louder, and the blood rose to his face and suddenly he shouted, "Listen! There's a lot you don't know about Claude. And maybe if you knew he was a PRINCE -- and I mean a ROYAL prince -- you'd shut up and think about it."

There was dead silence and Colin gasped for breath. The sun shone brilliantly and the leaves of the maple tree stirred.

Suddenly there was a snicker, and then another, and then the whole crowd broke into hilarious laughter.

"Listen to that! He says . . . oh! . . . he's a prince!! My foot, what next? Prince Clod! Ha!" Dick Craven choked with laughter over the words and they, all gasping for breath, slowly dispersed, leaving Colin under the maple tree, his eyes almost blinded with tears that wouldn't stop coming.

The next day Claude was back at school with his knee-socks and his plaid schoolbag. After school, in the playground, the boys began to ask where he had been and why he hadn't been there yesterday. He didn't answer when they asked him, but he thought to himself of how his mother had kept him from going because she thoughthe was sick with a fever. And just because he was unusually happy! Claude didn't understand his mother sometimes.

When he had gathered his books and buckled his schoolbag, Claude went out into the playground. The sun was sinking in the sky. There was no breeze at all -- just dead, dull heat.

Claude noticed a group of boys under the trees and when he came out, they turned and said, "Hi, there, Clod," and bowed mockingly. And then suddenly, out of nowhere, the words came vibrating on the waves of heat. They sounded muffled -- strained and far away, but they were there:

"Hail Prince Clod!"

It was Dick Craven.

Claude gasped -- they know. They knew his secret. All his thoughts rushed to one objective -- he whirled around, his eyes searching frantically for Colin. There he was, standing by the fence, staring blankly at Claude with an unreal, faraway look in his eyes.

"Colin!" Claude gasped, and then he looked again at the boys. They were all kneeling, bowing in mocking reverence, saying, "Hail, Prince Clod."

Then Dick got up and shouted to Colin, "C'mon Colin -- aren't you going to join the fun?" Colin didn't move. Then the boys stood up and shuffled off the playground, chanting, "Hail, Prince Clod! The Prince has come!"

Colin watched them go and then turned to Claude. "I'm . . . sorry, " he said hoarsely.

Claude looked at the ground and kicked a cloud of dust with his toe and suddenly the secret didn't matter any more -- suddenly it was meaningless, empty -- and there were other things instead. Claude said softly, "It's all right . . . I just didn't think you'd do it."

A breeze stirred the maple leaves again.

Colin looked at Claude for a moment, and then turned and walked away -- out the gate and down the road. Claude watched him disappear. He picked up his school bag and shuffled through the gate. His mother had told him not to shuffle but he didn't care. Mothers worried too much anyway. That was one thing about mothers -- they were always worrying.

And he disappeared into the flickering shadows of the maple trees that lined the street.

Elizabeth Borgerhoff, VIII First Prize Middle School Prose

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> > > Italian ice Dirty knees A generous slice of Swiss cheese --A song to sing . . . That's spring.

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Jewelers to Princetonians 54 Nassau Street, Princeton, N. J. Miss Fine's charms available in gold and silver this is the song of sixty five of sixty five the ones who jive for mehitabel has politely as is her wont inquired as to our past we mehitabel were not cleopatra nor do we wholly believe in the pythagorean theory of the transmigration be that as it may we have a past

for twelve years ago with gretch and janey who must have been tiny and lynn and dabby whose full name i have been told is a terrifying doritha and gigi that long ago we belonged to miss weigel the last class utterly hers and the next year mehitabel we had hamsters which are untransmigrated creatures then in second grade we were a ship sailing around the world under various captains and mates

it appears to me boss that the third grade was almost entirely war games with the girls escaping from the oaktree and dabby was gretel there s a dance in the old dame yet and then the boys departed and thomas was called upon to build boxes that the fourth grade toes might touch the floor and we learned how properly to open books a lost art in these sad times

in fifth grade mrs peck mitigated the system with canaries which were thirds of warnings and there was miss cheston who didn't return having married a baby doctor in philadelphia also from fifth to sixth grades miss hillman became mrs gill and screamed when wrongly addressed which though perhaps arrogant was understandable and beginning at sixth grade we were destined to a life of being guinea pigs untransmigrated creatures

quite similar to hamsters caged in room one with banging radiators and dripping ceiling in mrs. conroy s home room we were flowers with quatrains long to learn oh yes mehitabel we had our ups and downs ups were home rooms and downs were no more canaries then mrs porter laudie her name was boss taught an excruciating history and we suffered through parliamentary home room and for nine months we planned a medieval banquet with stuffed pigs and apples unfortunately it never came off a heluva comedown romance archy romance was the word the next year in washington d c when we waved from the arva at the recruits at fort myer barbie brophy wore black lace and peche hit the ceiling when dabby woke the wench with washcloth wet i was a vers libre poet once mehitabel we gave midsummer night s dream with peggy a prancing puck

when we entered the study hall and went up to read reports miss davis was understanding and with her we studied the santons de provence four new girls were left handed then punchy and buff enacted the glass menagerie for mrs smith

the next year the glass unicorn s horn broke with buffs death

sally brought in the long hair bit and gai toujours gai susie h came with tales of new york and her brother speaking of men the next year was brigette and jim and molly always going out west and there was andrew also hardenburgh played by blanche at mrs. boutelle s vienna against lisie who was metternich and susie s hunger pains started " again in the lute song ellen is still to burn her chemistry book and

janie was on a special music schedule went out to aspen in the summer when gigi went to crete arriving home to merethe shaw was at newport and is now the class archivist of bobby n joanie whom susie s resembles though she can t drive effie however bombs around in her red rambler and lynnie in sven the vw and tomato administers the study hall saying you know i could graph the noise it s taken you two whole minutes gretchen always looked sick when she made her announcements ophelia stated that there was



a finest meeting today and everyone was expected to come the big jazz was sally stewart s the astronauts annika hated physics for nobody wants you when you re down and out and graphing acceleration

and there was the week that was which we politely refer to as senior squash week when everybody wept and fainted even phoebe mr hartmann spoke at our stuffs sessions speaking of stuffing which i suppose i wasn t alison stuffed herself on grapes and cottage cheese while karen practiced yoga the feline position thank heavens the building survived the 500 blows for martha was our efficient though incongruous firewarden

it was gai toujours gai with many men but still we returned the prodigal daughters to mrs. shepherd

we dance till the sun comes up









To The Class of 65 ... miss Fires We are writing to you who aren't going away We are writing to you and trying to say: In litth grade we allmet And were led by Mrs. Peck Our fifth grade skills learned sixth grade was soon earned. With horons in castles with barons in castles to Mrs. Conray we were vassels. In seventh we found the best mrs. Porter was her name but we acted just the same In eighth we got excited and mrs. Ames made us delighted (Ha Ha) We're upper schoolers now - Wow and all of those who, are playing We would like to say we love you all and are mighty grateful; So with lumps in our throats and hearts like pumps We say good-bye Expecting to return every often to say hi! From those who are going away; Pooh, Kath, han, Charlotte, arden, Penny, Jocky, Brigitte, Tanny, Zisa, and Toan y