

**Edda**

my primal playmate  
cotton dolls 'neath grandmas' quilts  
church-basement Wednesdays

no nearby age-peers  
country schoolmarm taught us well  
square dance romance throbbed

our mothers had plans?  
timid shyness kept me mum  
but fantasies roared

Mizzou brought new worlds  
each found our own path onward  
fleeting decades passed

Sarasota lunch  
glad to see you, oldest friend!  
you've not changed, have I?



Class photos: Knoxville (Missouri) school, eight grades in two rooms, 1956  
Reunion at Columbia restaurant, Sarasota, 2018