

Yesterchristmas

in the old jeep we
cut a scruffy cedar sprout
from the south pasture

motley ornaments
brought down from creepy attic,
frayed treetop angel

new caterpillar,
last year's wore out building roads
under lilac bush

candy canes, Lincoln
Logs, Tinker Toys, paper dolls
—Santa had found us

life's morning was bright
in our bustling home back then
we five seemed timeless



Photo: In the yard of our home west of Knoxville, Missouri, circa 1950

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