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*Cantaloupe in the Summer*

*I sit on the porch step, scoop fruit bites, cantaloupe sweet, almost salty as the back of my hand. Grandpa and the old men are checking out the young girls talking, the budding nieces and cousins. Long legs, new blooms. Wrinkly, old eyes, watery in their sockets, darting like flies buzzing first here, then there.*

*The cool melon quenches my thirst. Its fruit grainy like a pear, soft in my mouth, and smooth like sherbet if sherbet wasn't icy cold and tart.*

*The moms sit with their feet inside the plastic wading pool, yapping about first he said, then she said, not missing a beat between the splashing and the yelling by kids crawling on their bellies up to moms' ankles, "MOM! Watch THIS, MOM! Watch ME! WATCH THIS!" Sun bright in their squinty eyes.*

*The creamy-orange color of cantaloupe reminds me of a sunset over the ocean, the way I imagine the sun must look like a big orange ball resting on the far side of the wide Pacific sea. A Dreamsicle sunset, like the postcards.*

*Cousin Jim's sock has fallen into his boat. He draws out a story to the men sitting around him on ice chests, folding chairs and overturned buckets, a story about fixing some roof one time.*

*I hold the globe of melon, small moon perfectly fitting the palm of my hand. I scoop the round, curling bites, watery summer light. Hunger and thirst disappear together the way sometimes everything around me just clicks into place.*

by Michelle Frost



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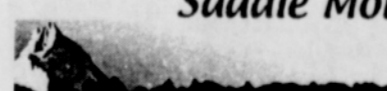
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