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Cracked dishes
Hambone and beans
An A, a C and an F
And early morning quarrels
Three flights up
And a glorious plastic table
Nights and bleary eyes
And a cab and a dream
And candy bars and cokes
And quarts of beer
And a fine piece of furniture
With a slender brass support
And a baby
With clear blue eyes
And heat and a fan
And a dying old grandmother
And an aunt
And an uncle
And an inlaw
And bus fumes
And three hundred per
And a thousand dollar note
A hardware store
And a bicycle
A country school house
And an old red car
A golf course
And nights with bleary eyes
A cash register
A friend
And rent to be paid
Last month
An A, a C and an F
A smashed face
And a child
With clear blue eyes
Plastic plates
A ceramic lamp
A patterned carpet
And four hundred per
And more
Than a thousand dollar note
Sewn clothes
A cat
And milk at five in the morning
A split stove
An A, a C and an F
A bedroom at 30 above
A state fair
Another cat
Kansas, and a blue-green car
A grain merchant
A physics major
An alcoholic
And an architect
And a growing child with clear blue eyes
An air conditioner
And five new kittens
A split screen door
A blizzard
Silage
An ache
And a love.