



Days of Past
Mount Meigs, Alabama
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Times Past

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for Joyce

The two had gathered for lunch
but also for remembering –
 simpler times,
 childhood times,
times they had spent together.

They talked of days
when money was scarce
 but friendship plentiful,
when entertainment came
 from the imagination.

It was a childhood
of innocence and delights –
a time before either of them knew
 of the responsibilities,
 the pain, the joys,
that comes with adulthood.

But this was a time of reflection –
a time to look back,
 to reminisce,
before they must depart
and the reality of now
 returns.