

I Remember You

I remember you-
in your felt poodle skirt
and your pink crinolines
your bobby socks and saddle shoes
swinging your ponytail
sporting your d.a.

I remember you-
with rollers in your hair
your page boy, your pixie
your flip and your beehive

I remember your folks and your little brother-
that little fellow I babysat
before he learned to dance

I remember you-
before the covid
pre-Trump
before 9/11
ante Vietnam
before you had kids
before you were a bride
before the moon landing

There you were-
down in the rec room
sipping your rum and coke
doing the jitterbug and the twist
rock n roll, baby

I remember you well-
your sweet 16 in a Chicago hotel
with cigarettes on the table
Kents and Parliaments
Benson and Hedges

And I remember you in French IV-
I watched you cheer and watched you slow dance
to Johnny Mathis – oldies but goodies

Today I remember you-
I recognize you
And I salute you.

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