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Luscious ground to frolic on.
 Green wisps flattened by
 shoes, small in size—
 only five now.
 Waves of green sprouts.
 Primly pruned perfection,
 rows of wildflowers prettily sitting.
 Pinkies pointing north,
 teacup brimming
 with imagination.
 Dress adorned and made,
 Careless of grass stains.
 Hiding
 running
 confiding to
 Puffletuff
 the stuffed rabbit
 with the carob coat—
 Her best friend.
 Mother called,
 The fun must end—
 Fling Puffletuff to
 the edge.
 To be back again.

Gone.

—Now six —
 Luscious ground to frolic on,
 untouched.
 An ocean of blades sway,
 Rows are now
 wild flowers.
 Vines tangling, dangling,
 unkempt.
 An older gaze
 reaches upon where
 Puffletuff remains
 on the edge
 a hair's length away from the shade.
 Carob turned cold,
 to snow.

Sunbeams
collected his pigment.
Body of
a moon in crescent.
Day to day,
Changed.