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Maddy's giggles blow bubbles
with Grandma's cigarette smoke.

They jump with her coughs,
colliding in whiskeyed breath and mumbled swears.

Maddy's scraped knee remedied by press-on nails,
the Avon catalog, her picture book.

They read of cloudy diamonds and
chunky mascara.

An epic told on glossed paper.