

Waking Up the Nation,
One Reader at a Time...

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PUBLIC HEALTH ALERT

Investigating Lyme Disease & Chronic Illness in the U.S.A.

To Touch a Cloud

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TO APRIL

So hard to close a door
On giggles, jokes and laughter;
The urge to run and
Share these things
Stay with us ever after.
The warmth of someone
Sharing
A bowl of chicken soup,
Sounds ridiculously funny
But can throw us for a loop.
If this is where our memories
Propel us through each day -
We miss you darling April
As you enter Heaven's Way.

PICK A CLOUD

Just read the oatmeal package,
(Low in saturated fat)...
A healthy start,
You've now designed
A beneficial hat!
Now, stop and look around
you,
Your day has just begun -
That flood of light is sunshine,
Your blues are on the run.
And now, look up into the sky,
And find a favorite cloud -
Tell it your plans for
Health and Wealth,
AND MAKE IT CLEAR AND
LOUD!

TINA'S HOUSE

Tina's house is filled with
treasures,
Mushroom tables,
gray stone chairs;
Pink Arbutus,
fragrant, growing,
All around her hill-house
stairs.
Roofed by leafy,
Sunlit branches
That protect and rustle o'er,
Changing her pine-needle rug
To patterned, tessellated floor.
Cracks of light
Make shadow graphs
That look like Damask,
Celtic lace;
Treestump furniture,
Free-flowing,
Disengaged from
Commonplace.
After time has culled its
Moments into years,
May Tina find,
Treasures in some later house,
As nice as those she left
behind.



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