

2005 IATE Poetry and Prose Contest

Poems of Exceptional Merit

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I Remember Hanukkah

*I remember
The candles burning low
The light flickering across our faces
That Hanukkah night
I remember
The dim room
Lit only with the memory
Of the miracle of light
I remember picking up the present
And handing it to my grandma
As delicately as I could
I remember
Wriggling with anticipation
As she carefully opened
The thumb-sized bag
I remember her face
As she pulled out the watch
The one I made for her
Just for her
I remember
Her face
That face
The love can never be replicated*