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### BACKWARD GLANCE

It's not the same  
Little girl gone  
Tall proud oaks  
Long ago consumed  
By some stranger's fire  
Flowers have wilted  
Paint's faded out  
All that remains  
Are memories  
Especially of  
    Her smile

I long to return  
To the warmth of the love  
That once filled my home  
It's never to be  
It's now part of my past  
But here in my arms  
Lies my future - my son -  
And all I can ask is  
Will he remember  
    My smile?

-- Patricia Ramirez Poulsen