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In the past, beyond the turn of a decade, I was a child; No problems of consequence, worries only mild. Energetic, running around all day outside; Playing games, from seekers we would hide.

We were royals, using blankets to build forts; We were rulers, our words law in the courts. We bothered not our subjects with common tax; And demanded our dues instead, in delicious snacks.

We explored open fields and raced the clouds going by; And marvelled at airplanes that found their way through, first try. Things that amazed us then, put to childish innocence; One day to be looked back on as ignorance.

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