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## Summer

Summer is 5-minute thunderstorms  
and 3-day power outages with  
long evening walks around the neighborhood  
saying hi to someone you know on every block.

Summer is bright white beams  
shining down onto dirt as bats and balls  
are gazed upon their every move.

Summer is applying spf 30  
onto slightly parched, warm skin  
while sporting sunglasses and a hat,  
the mandatory dress code.

Summer is soggy ice cream cones  
and sticky hands as you try not to get  
sick on the tilt-oh-whirl.

Summer is staying up all night  
as the sun tries to stay up with you.