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SUMMER MEMORIES

For Kyle

A boy and his grandma on summer holidays,
Fourteen glorious days to
Share, laugh, play and explore.
Freedom for the child
Remembrance of a childhood past for grandma.
Swimming lessons, fishing, the playground,
Always under grandma's watchful eye.
Every day a new experience.
Excursions to Sauble Beach,
Horse rides, Inglis Falls, Bruce Caves,
To share, laugh, play, and explore.
Carefree hot summer days and evenings,
Meals prepared and eaten at will.
No rules to regulate our time.
Alas, this too must end;
Reality, routine, obligations return.
Memories are neatly stored and cherished;
Then retrieved when apart
To re-live the special moments.
This bond between grandparent and grandchild
Forever sealed in love.

Dianne Wood