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There is a tale about a boy who fell from the sky.  
He knew better,  
He flew too close,  
He loved the sun too dearly to be fearful of its heat.

There is a tale about a boy who fell from the sky.  
His father saw too late,  
His father was helpless,  
His father forgot how to live as he watched his son die.

There is a tale about a boy who fell from the sky.  
A farmer watched as he fell,  
A farmer heard the peals of laughter- or maybe it was a shriek of fear,  
A farmer saw the hand of the boy above water and thought he was waving  
hello-  
or maybe it was goodbye.

## About Maria Matsakis

Maria is a first year, graduate teaching assistant in English Literature at UND. Originally from New Jersey, Maria received her undergraduate education at West Liberty University in West Virginia, and plans to pursue her PhD after completing her Master's degree. As the oldest of six children, Maria puts a lot of feeling and connections to her family life within her poems. She appreciates the opportunity to show off some of her work, and looks forward to the next submission.

