

I Remember When

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I remember when
a connect-the-dots sheet
used to bring joy

I remember when
coloring outside the lines
was an early act of rebellion

I remember when
climbing a tree as high as you could
would make all troubles dissolve

I remember when
A hug from grandpa was enough to let you know
there is good in the world

I remember when
a kiss from Mom was able to heal
all cuts, all illnesses

I remember when
the Garden of Eden, Camelot, and later Middle Earth
would pop up in your grandfather's back yard

I remember when
pets would live
forever

I remember when
a stack of baseball cards made you popular
for about five minutes

I remember when
wading in a creek made you "outdoorsy"
not eccentric

I remember when
playing in the rain made you a child
not a mad man