

Pill Bug  
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Do you Remember  
Peeping into the edge of the concrete,  
Sifting into the Dirt,  
Picking at the blades of grass  
The way you picked at scabs,  
Pulling slowly, trying to get the biggest piece?

Do you remember the way  
The dirt was Alive,  
And when you Flipped a rock,  
Life Exploded  
Worms thrashed, pushing back into the Earth,  
PILL BUGS squirmed into tiny spheres?

Do you remember  
Their tiny Bodies—  
Rolie Polie Olie, rolie polie olie  
Rolls around in your mouth, pulls on your Tongue  
Tiny legs tickle the back of your Throat  
Armadillo bug, Potato bug?

Do you remember  
The way your pills  
Would crawl across your Scrawny legs  
If you stayed Still enough  
But you quickly'd Snatch them up  
To watch them furl into necklace beads?

Do you remember roly polies  
Miniature marbles to Gamble with,  
“Let's play a game  
I have ten, I have twenty  
Pill bugs crawling all over me,”  
Goose bumps Creeping up your neck?

Do you remember,  
Do you remember them?