Do you remember…

Waiting for Santa Claus,

The joy of Christmas morning?

Going to the park,

Playing for hours, carefree?

Not being able to reach,

Being lifted on someone’s shoulders?

Getting dirty for fun,

Making mud pies and having mud fights?

Playing in the street,

Staying out ‘til dark and being called back?

Dinners with family,

All gathered together, if only once a year?

When New Year’s Eve was a challenge,

Staying up late an adventure?

When being an adult was exciting,

When growing up was fun?

Knowing what you wanted to do with your life,

Being certain of your future?

Having all the time in the world,

Or at least believing you did?

Can you remember

The joys of your past,

The innocence, the simplicity?

Or do you see only

What you lost,

The sorrows and the pain?

Your memories reveal who you are;

They define you.

What do you remember?