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"I did not"

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I did not
appreciate
the Magnolia
playing fifty-two
pick-up
with her
deck of blossoms
in my
front yard
today.

We wrapped packages in bed
and tied them with arm-ribbons
and leg-ribbons,
warm paper, wet tape . . .

Then exchanged our gifts,
held them out,
pulled them back
and sighed the night away.