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DEAR MRS. MARTIN

Dear Mrs. Martin,

I know
you live down
the street
in your dilapidated
pine-board moth-eaten
house, brewing eye-of-newt
foot-of-falcon potions
to cast spells on children.

Ancient society
columns detail
your dresses, splendorize
your parties
take note of all your rendezvous.

But I know
you have changed
from that high-fashion
technicolor society princess
to the old lady
down the street who hangs
children up by toes.

And I see
you from my pillow
dancing on a wedding
table like Miss Havisham!

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