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(sigh) Goodbye!
One more velvet one to gather dust on the shelf.
The beautiful discarded for the practical! Too bad the trade-in value on dreams, toward reality, is so low this year.
Well...that's THE GAME!
Guess I'd better get back to work.

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They were real:

He, with his "Jiminy cricket" when told of our escapades; with his shiny, bald head--still demanding haircuts; with his cane and slow, sure walk; with his quiet understanding.

She, with her every-ready cookies and candy; with silvery hair touched with brown; with her tender care of plants and flowers...and kids; with her sweet, friendly smiles, her easy laughs.

Oh, they were real; they were good... and when they left, my fourteen years cried: Why?

No answer came...not then,

but time has told me--
told me that they led full lives;
that they had done their jobs, and,
having done them well,
deserved a peace and rest.

Time has told me. They were real.

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