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by Patricia Gibson

I loved your happy faces
your naive openness
Dick, you set the pace for problem solvers
of the future

Jane, never an unladylike syllable
did you utter

But Sally, you I loved most of all
Hair the color of corn just picked
bobbing head
smile or frown so
nearly perfect in
effect

You rode daddy's shoulders
found the lost kitty
stood in the center of
lives colored brilliantly in
dramatic contrast

How I wanted that awfully bright
sunshine of your days
the mischief of your
childhood plans
where neither parent stood
watching and ready to pronounce
judgment

You fooled me
with the crystal clear
definition
of your forever sunny days

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