

# Connecting New

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"When you pray, who do you pray to?" is a question a spiritual director may ask to help clarify someone's image of God. Common responses are God the creator and God a loving father. One of my personal favorites is God the grandma. This month, I share two poems that speak to that image of God breaking into our lives.

## Grandma

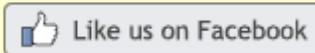
Long after the womb that bore fruit has shriveled,  
and the breasts that nursed have grown weary,  
through the passage of time loving  
(like tending a garden...season after season,  
tilling, fertilizing, planting, pruning, harvesting,  
communing with)  
your person, your presence,  
your capacity have become deeper,  
richer, fuller,  
wiser, more patient, more accepting.  
With a home making gentleness  
and the warmth of the best spring day,  
you are ripe,  
you have blossomed,  
and your spirit radiates...  
"Little one, I am ready...  
Precious one, I am waiting...  
Dear one, I am yearning...  
to give myself to you."

## Grandma's House

At Grandma's house time slows,  
adornments are outdated  
and musty smells here and there.  
At Grandma's house I feel safe,  
warm and wanted,  
precious and loved.  
At Grandma's house, it's all about me,  
the games I like to play,  
the food I like to eat,  
the stories I like to read,  
and the songs I like to sing.  
At Grandma's house I am so free to be myself,  
dunked again into a bucket of goodness  
like a chocolate dipped ice cream cone,  
feeding my spirit with love and beauty,  
grounding my life in love and beauty.  
There's no other place like Grandma's house.  
Take me there again.

May we continue to discover the truth of who God is, and may we continue to reveal that truth to others.

Peace and Blessings,  
Clarence



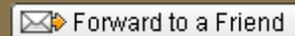
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