One Sweet Day

In an elegant room sits a plethora
of sofas and chairs each with their own mini quilt
In front of each sofa is a coffee table
laden with a tray of petit fours and cookies,
a silver tea service, a pot of tea
with some sugar and cream
the most exquisite linen napkins
with fine china, cups, saucers and plates.

Stuffed teddy bears are sitting in chairs
while little girls in pretty dresses
white shoes and bows in their hair
are resting on sofas a-pouring the tea.

Said a girl to a bear,
"Would you rather not be here
Would you rather have gone fishin'
or have gone riding the turquoise trail?"
Said the bear to the girl,
"Being here suits me just fine
The food and the company is simply divine"
If I had but one wish
T'would be a dish of fish
Kindly give my regards to the chef."

Said the girl to the bear,
"I would if I could
but, I can't so I shan't
I will pour you more tea
I will offer you some honey
and perhaps another cookie or two."
Said the bear to the girl,
"Forget the tea, forget the sweets
Just pass me the honey instead."

A most marvelous day
How we wish we could stay
Enjoying our teddy bear picnic
Now we must go
Our time has come I know
As we run off into the setting sun.

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In dedication to Professor Amy Perkins,
teacher of Children's Literature
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"Your sweet smile will be missed by all."