

Exposed

Denise Kamm

We stood together,
dressed in 70s prints,
a developing family:
Grounded, stable, smiling.

Focus on mom's belly:
bulging slightly,
exposing her baby
to the booze in her hand.

Mom and Dad
hold each other tight,
adhered by a glue
made of beer and wine and vodka.

Brother and I
squeezed to each other,
reeled in on a hook
baited with slurred words and good intentions.