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The Night of the Acorn Festival

by Avery Benson

My Dad had to go to work
far away

the night of the Acorn Festival
the first time my sister and I were going
to wear traditional clothing

The maple bark skirt scratched my legs
Maggie gave me a cap woven of white bear grass
and black maidenhair fern
to wear on my head

The deer hide belt hung heavy around my waist
heavy Olivella, abalone and clam shells
heavy pine nuts and deer hooves

The long necklaces
made of dentalia and glass beads
made a "tic-tic" sound
swaying back and forth as I walked

I felt a special part of my culture

I missed my Dad

the night of the Acorn Festival
