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Of the four of us
I was to be
charming

Margaret:
the princess girl who is attacked
in a marvelous green forest by two
grade four boys
behaving like murderous men

So we crumpled newspaper into stage props
-- rocks --
back in the Munich Olympics days

Our nine-year-old hands
shaping photographs bleached of pity
charred helicopters, masked men and grieving
ministers into
boulders to throw at Fairy Princess
Margaret from behind an imagined tree

And then I galloped
on the wisp of a horse
into a story so old
there was no dialogue
in our play

Everyone who watched
just knew