

Winning Poems in 2021 CFCP, Inc., Annual Contest

2. Short Poem, First Place

**Fifty Years Later**

he remembers the jacket, smell of the leather  
the way the fringe hung off the sleeves;  
remembers the apartment in the Haight district,  
Jefferson Airplane posters on the walls,  
over-sized pillows on the floor  
thrift shop sofa singed with cigarette burns;  
how they cringed at middle class values,  
unhinged the bedroom door,  
hung long strings of beads that clicked together,  
caught morning light  
how they binged on soda crackers, peanut butter, cheap wine,  
on quiet evenings  
the girl sang as she played her mandolin.

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