

APPENDIX "A"

"Your Hammer"

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1. this hammer
one of the few things
you brought from scotland

is light, well balanced
wood smooth
from use

it lay dormant for years
as uncle has unopened crates
from east africa

in my first house
i reach for your hammer
daily

often
it isn't there
2. this hammer
emigrated in your
wooden chest

once
when i was small
it held tools

departing aberdeen
you abandoned
a hobby horse

headless
my sister's pride
unfinished

even at the cottage
i can't picture you
with tools

my crowbars
& hammers
disassemble

each nail placed
i rebuild
& with every swing

wonder what else
you left behind