

Alone in the House of My Heart: Poems

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We reckon that nine generations in Appalachia is long enough for a place to get in the bones of a family, and that kinheritance has marked Kari Gunter-Seymour with an intuitive feel for one of America's most isolated and peculiar regions. The current Poet Laureate of Ohio and the author of *A Place So Deep Inside America It Can't Be Seen*, her work has appeared in the *New York Times*, *One*, *Rattle*, and *New Ohio Review*.

BEFORE BOOZE, OXY, AND VIKES

*Rollerblader, unsung crusader,
champion of feral dogs and crippled cats.*

*Cake baker, sleep faker, you once dressed
as a girl for Halloween because*

*you wanted to feel firsthand,
how difficult that life might be.*

MATT SUTHERLAND (November / December 2022)

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