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Poem from
The Spaghetti Scrapbooks
(Family Portrait)

Time: when the napalm
in Vietnam exploded color
on your black & white television:

Dad in sleeveless T-shirt
and boxers and scratching
at his privates which always
spread a few pubic hairs
over the several cold slices
of pizza

Mom in Popsicle-colored
mumuu with sewer pipe
rollers and puffing on a
menthol while whispering
novenas

Sister in cut offs bikini
top & woolly mammoth fuzzy
slippers while coding her soft core
pornographic date last night in
Pig Latin in a Princess telephone

You in plastic army helmet

Dad's Korean war
jacket and .45 Peacemaker cap
gun shooting at hippies
burning the flag on
the 6:00 evening news

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