

# Bards in the Bog

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## BOOTEE

*after Thomas Lux*

Your Mammy drops a stitch, then two,  
then pours Ribena in her tea,  
smiling all the while. But frowns

more often now. Forgets some names,  
then words like *knitting, happy, birthday,*  
and the town where we all live. And you,

you hear her ask a picture on the wall  
about the girl whose eyes are red,  
who winds the wool: *whose child is she?*

*Geraldine Clarkson*

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