

The Messenger

Volume 1989
Issue 1989 *The Messenger*, 1989

Article 22

1989

Red Balloon

Laura Grace Pattillo

Follow this and additional works at: <http://scholarship.richmond.edu/messenger>



Part of the [Poetry Commons](#)

Recommended Citation

Pattillo, Laura Grace (1989) "Red Balloon," *The Messenger*: Vol. 1989: Iss. 1989, Article 22.
Available at: <http://scholarship.richmond.edu/messenger/vol1989/iss1989/22>

This Poetry is brought to you for free and open access by UR Scholarship Repository. It has been accepted for inclusion in *The Messenger* by an authorized administrator of UR Scholarship Repository. For more information, please contact scholarshiprepository@richmond.edu.

RED BALLOON

I was at a parade once
And I saw
A red helium balloon
Float up out of the crowd
On the opposite sidewalk
I watched it float up
Into the clear blue sky
Then looked down to see
A small boy in tears
His arms stretched toward the heavens
As though the balloon might
Change its mind and return
If only he wished hard enough.

Oh, to be able to cry over something so
simple as a red balloon.

Laura Grace Pattillo