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## Unzipped

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**From:** Molly Decker <mdecker@richmond.edu>  
**Subject:** unzipped  
**Sent:** February 2, 2000, 6:55 am  
**To:** Messenger <messenger@richmond.edu>  
**Cc:** Zinc Design <etownsend@zincdesign.com>

she lingers casually in front of the screen door,  
facing the sun setting behind the trees in her backyard,  
nose pressed flat into the mesh wiry smell,  
and thinks of that time they went camping,  
and how they constructed a blazing fire  
using two bottles of lighter fluid  
and sixteen store-bought logs;  
how the flame was so strong  
the smoke hurt their eyes  
and they had to retire  
to bed early,  
and, how,  
sometime,  
in the middle of the night,  
her hair  
got caught  
in the zipper  
of the tent's  
screen door  
and had to be  
cut out  
with a  
swiss  
army  
knife.



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