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the sun swallowed by
Lake Champlain. My
sister and I on the
screened in porch
hearing a story that
will scare us even
after we can't still
remember it. The
cousins are laughing.
A smell of damp
flannel and smoke.
Fireflies in the
plum leaves and my
mother's cigarette
on the glider next
door, a firefly we
can't stop watching

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