

Monchielle

36th Star-Spangled Legion Baseball Tournament

West Salem Wilson Dirtbags -5 Portland Alpenrose Dairy Red Sox- 6 July 8th Corvallis, Oregon

A We sit in fading light
b a warm July game day
c with grandson and his friend
d supporting the Dirtbags.
c The team would place second.

A We sit in fading light.
e Catcher twists, sprains ankle.
f Umpire splats over bat.
g Several bad errors.
f You have to expect that.

A We sit in fading light
h eating sugary snacks.
i remembering our son.
j who played on Legion teams
i and twice here- champion.

A We sit in fading light
e until night lights turn on.
f One light we donated
g in our son's memory.
f Love still celebrated.

Grandma is Not Perfect

Grandma is not perfect
She is not a good cook.
She does not like to clean.
She prefers to day dream
has tendency to glean.

Grandma is not perfect
finds it hard to listen
to someone who's cruel
to beloved family
who break the golden rule.

Grandma is not perfect.
She collects much too much.
has strange clothes selection,
can talk too openly,
does not seek perfection.

Grandma is not perfect,
Don't expect her to be—
seek imagination
joy, peace, word-play to find
light and life's destination.

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1. Four 5-line stanzas.
2. First line repeats as the first line of all stanzas.
3. Syllable Count: 6 per line.
4. Line 3 and line 5 rhyme.
5. Rhyme Pattern: A-b-c-d-c A-e-f-g-f A-h-i-j-i A-k-l-m-l