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## *My Brothers*

I used to steal my brother's stamps  
from his secret box in the basement  
one-at-a-time from blocks of four,  
the rare Colombian two-cent worth five bucks.

There, too, were corporal's stripes,  
a medical discharge, some photos, and a letter,  
"Dear Arbie, Thanks for the toy soldiers.  
Hope to see you Christmas. Love, David."

A simple story. The stamps went for rent.  
My brother's dead, the little men lost  
last move. I remember days when they  
fought wars and won.