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## Sunbonnet Quilts

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**Sunbonnet Quilts**

it takes me back to them  
every time I sit

and stare at the sunbonnet pattern  
and their meticulous stitches  
done in white cotton thread  
on yellow and black calico material

Iva and Eva Goldenia Carey  
my grandmother and her twin

Kansas farm girls  
who stitched the spreads  
before either one was married  
before World War I  
when they were  
so young

they made two quilts  
just alike

one  
for each  
of their cedar hope chests