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# Rag Rug

by David Schelhaas

On the dining room floor  
In front of the door  
Lies a round woven rug  
A gift from Aunt Jen  
A circle of love  
Made of rags from our lives  
A jumper a skirt and a jacket of yours  
A pants and a sportcoat of mine.

The rug like our marriage was fashioned with unfinished pieces  
And the pattern could not be imagined before it was made.  
She chose from our rag box odd pieces  
Matched barely  
But in placing and bending these pieces her blending made beauty  
One weaving.

The rug which is almost as old as our marriage  
Has been washed, shaken out, and stomped upon some  
Yet the colors are bright  
The pattern now set is a frequent delight  
And the weaving's just right  
Not too loose, not too tight  
Supple enough to lie flat on the floor  
But stiff enough still to fulfill  
All the purposes rugs are made for  
A beautiful functional thing  
This circle of love  
This rug in a ring.