

“What is the Right Size for a Family?”

Just small enough to know each other's name
and why the name came to be instead of some other

Just large enough to remember what means the most
from the stories told loud and clear, softly and quiet;

Just skillful enough to mend broken toys
and the hurts when someone falls hard or soft;

Just funny enough to laugh at the ways
that set us apart from every other family;

Just wise enough to tell what is right
about daring plans that stretch the imagination;

Just tender enough to cry when tears crowd our eyes
and crying seems the only thing to do;

Just strong enough to hope for the grand good
in spite of a week that went too long and too hard;

Just faithful enough to be there into the night
when most of the world is asleep;

Just good enough to claim Holy promises
from the friend of all families;

Just bold enough to love the littlest and the oldest
Just because you want to
and because your family is just the right size.

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