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A Vacant Room

by

Ron Georgesen

This is a vacant room
here. I have come
from someplace

where I have heard
old teachers
say they look

for young girls
with pretty faces and
short skirts and wonder

What are
those things
worth while

they spend long
tired times grading
forgotten papers

And squashing their
butts in tin
foil ashtrays

Teaching us
it is sometimes
hard to be old.